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Repulses of Versaillists—Reported Evacuation of Montrouge by Communists—Proceedings at the Assembly.

PARIS, May 16.—The Commune announces the repulse of several attacks made by the Versailles forces on Monday night at Chatillon, Moulin-Pierre and Moulin-Sequet. There was a vigorous engagement in the evening, extending from the Porte Dauphine to the Maillot Gate, in which the Versailles troops were repulsed with great loss. It is rumored that Fort Montrouge has been evacuated by the Federal forces. The Commune holds a well-armed force of 26,000 men in reserve for a case of emergency.

VERSAILLES, May 16.—The cannonade of the *enceinte* of Paris continues uninterruptedly, but the results today are not important. The Assembly today appointed a committee to examine and report upon the treaty of peace negotiated at Frankfort. It is generally expected that the cession of French territory provided for in the treaty will be severely criticised in the Assembly. The Assembly also voted the urgency of a motion for the rebuilding of the residence of M. THIERS in Paris at the public expense. A motion declaring the Republic permanent was referred to a committee. Prayers were ordered in all the churches for the cessation of the civil war. M. GREVY was re-elected President of the Assembly.

Welcome of Clinchant and Megy—The Commune Absent Paris—Discussions in the Commune.

LONDON, May 16.—The *Times* special dispatch from Paris says that Gen. CLUSERET and M. MEGY have been released from confinement. An armistice has been arranged for Wednesday to enable the inhabitants of Vanves and its neighborhood to leave. A circular from M. GROUSSET, the Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, invites the provinces to join the Communists. The Germans are concentrating their forces toward Paris. The headquarters of the Prince of SAXONY have been transferred to Margency, and the chief commands of the Guards have been removed to Montmorency. The fall of Fort Montrouge is imminent. The western and south-western arrondissements of Paris are uninhabitable. There has been great loss of life and property in these portions of the city. The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Battalion of the National Guard has refused to march outside of Paris. The tricolor is not flying today on Fort Vanves. A dispatch from St. Denis says the discussions in the Commune will be terminated today by the dissolution of the Central Committee or the consolidation of the Committee of Public Safety with Central Committee. All mechanics over forty years have been called upon to work on the defenses of Paris. A new military commission has been appointed. M. DELESCLUZE and the Central Committee are on the best of terms. Gen. HENRI has been appointed Chief of the Ministry of War, and Gen. MATTHIEU commander of the forces between the Point du Jour and the Avenue Wagram.

The Column Vendome Fallen—More Firing.

PARIS, May 16—Evening.—The column in the Place Vendome was levelled at 5 o'clock this evening. It fell lengthwise into the Rue de la Paix. Fort Mont Valerien is firing vigorously to-night.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Proceedings in the British Parliament—Irish Affairs—Miss Coutts Accepts a Peerage—German Affairs.

LONDON, May 16.—In the House of Commons, this evening, the O'CONOR DON, member for Roscommon, submitted a motion that it is inexpedient to continue in force the act for the preservation of peace in Ireland, after the date originally fixed as its limitation. Mr. GATHORNE HARDY, member for Oxford University, and Mr. CHICHESTER FORTESCUE, member for Louth, in consideration of the continual lawlessness in Ireland, opposed the motion. Mr. JOHN MARTIN, member for Meath, spoke at length in denunciation of English tyranny in Ireland, and claimed the right of self-government for the people of that island.

In the House of Lords, the Bill making drafts and notes maturing on holidays and Sundays payable on the following day, was read twice.

Miss ANGELA GEORGIANA BURDELL COUTTS has accepted a peerage.

BERLIN, May 16.—A bill has been passed by the German Parliament, forbidding the raising of loans by means of lotteries, except in the case of the various German Governments.

REPRESENTATIVE FRANCE.

Matters at Versailles—Military Movements—Effect of Bismarck's Utterances—M. Thiers' "Republicanism"—Defense of the Insurgents—Tidings From Paris—Labors of the Assembly.

From Our Own Correspondent.

VERSAILLES, Saturday, April 29, 1871.

During the past few days the troops of the Assembly have made some visible progress, and there is, at length, a prospect of a vigorous attack upon the works of the insurgents. The condition of Fort Issy is seriously compromised by the batteries of Chatillon and Meudon, a number of enormous breaches have been made in its outer walls, the barracks have been entirely destroyed, and four or five of its heavy pieces have been put out of working order. A singular incident occurred day before yesterday. A shell sent from Meudon entered the muzzle of a gun already charged, exploding the piece and killing and wounding all of the cannoneers. The guns of Fort Issy now respond but rarely, and from the wild firing it is evident that these few shots are sent out of pure defiance or bravado. And while the artillery of several strong batteries continues to batter Fort Issy, the infantry is not idle, for it has continued to advance step by step, and on Thursday carried Moulineaux, a redoubt and small village less than five hundred yards from the fort. With the guns upon that side, Issy has fired at times, but it seems that the heavy pieces cannot be trained upon the redoubt, for the shells fall far beyond the position. Only one shot in twenty does any damage to the troops in this advanced position, but yet these few cause serious losses. Yesterday a Captain was killed and three privates wounded. Meantime the engineers are preparing to open trenches and parallels against the fort, and the distance is not long. Three or four days ought to suffice for this short work; but the French are slow in every branch of their military establishments. One can count upon treble the ordinary time for any evolution, march, or piece of engineering labor. Upon the other side of the Seine the engagements have been confined to the artillery. Mont Valerien keeping up a slow but steady fire upon the batteries of the Trocadero and the Porte Maillot. Those batteries return the fire briskly, without doing any harm to the fortress, their shells falling upon the glacis or upon the unfortunate villages at its base. The great attack is now waited for with an anxiety which is visible upon every countenance. All the troops have left Versailles, the encampments upon the road to St. Cyr are cleared, and only one or two regiments of recruits now remain at the Camp of Sartory. Yesterday the *gendarmes* marched out upon the road to St. Germain, closely followed by the artillery, all of the batteries having been ordered away from the place d'armes and the different avenues where they were bivouacked. Compared with their gay appearance a week ago, the streets now seem deserted, and the crowds of civilians which were accustomed to gather upon the Avenue de Paris, are now comparatively small. It is reasonable to suppose that M. THIERS would not send an army of 150,000 men upon the extreme outposts unless he intended to make some use of it there, and this fact gives reason to the report that Paris will be carried by assault as soon as Fort Issy is taken, or its guns silenced. The insurgents themselves testify that this work must soon be accomplished, for the commandant of the fort telegraphs to Gen. CLUSERET that Issy is badly crippled, and that all preparations have been made for blowing up the fort when found no longer tenable. Yet the insurgents understand fully the importance of this position, commanding, as it does, the Point du Jour, and they will hold the fort to the very last moment. Issy captured, the weak point in the fortifications of Paris is laid open to assault, two or three miserable gun-boats and a single battery being the only defenses of the Point du Jour, the weakest point for an assault and escalade.

EFFECT OF BISMARCK'S SPEECH.

The speech of M. BISMARCK, in the Chamber at Berlin, regarding the War claims against France, caused no little excitement in the Assembly, where the words of M. BISMARCK were considered as a reflection upon the honor of the country. The matter was soon brought up in the Chamber, explanations being demanded from the Minister of Finance. M. POUYER-QUERTIER responded that he had concluded new arrangements with M. DE FAVRICE, the regularly-appointed and recognized agent of Germany, relative to the payment of the sums due for the maintenance of the German troops remaining in France. By agreement, the sums due for the months of March and April were remitted to the 20th of May. But on the morning of the 20th of April, M. BISMARCK sent word to M. POUYER-QUERTIER that he could not recognise the agreement made with M. DE FAVRICE, and that he would give forty-eight hours to fulfill the preceding engagements, and if not, fulfilled all previous treaties would be broken. Although he had a right to plead delay on account of the engagement with M. DE FAVRICE, M. POUYER-QUERTIER raised the money, paying the first time nineteen millions, the second thirty-six millions, and today, Saturday, he will make a third payment of nineteen millions. This makes a sum of seventy-four millions paid within the past ten days. Having been put to no small trouble to raise this sum, M. POUYER-QUERTIER was justifiable in replying rather tartly to the words of the Federal Chancellor charging France with being irregular in holding to its engagements. At the same time M. BISMARCK announced that the Prussian Government would not interfere in the internal troubles of France unless events made it necessary. Of course M. BISMARCK is the judge as to when events make it necessary for him to interfere. It is also stated in this speech that the forts would not be abandoned before the definite signing of the treaty of peace, and it is evident that the Commission of Brussels will not have completed its work for some weeks or months to come.

M. THIERS' REPUBLICANISM.

The second incident of importance is the speech of M. THIERS, which was, in fact, a repetition of his speech at Bordeaux, and his former speech here. It was a mere declaration of principle, but of Republican principle so strong that is called forth an immediate response from the monarchist side of the House. M. DE KERTRAL replied for the majority, but although speaking as a legitimist, he only claimed the right of universal suffrage, protesting against pledging the country to a republican form of government before the people were called upon to decide which form of government they preferred. It is not easy to find fault with this position, but the followers of M. LOUIS BLANC—the party which claims to believe that the republican form of government is from God, and hence above the will of the people—this part of the House did find fault with the views of M. DE KERTRAL, and interrupted him with cries and outrageous insults. One asks today what interest M. THIERS can have in ranging himself against the majority and upon the side of M. LOUIS BLANC. The circumstances of the hour give a presumptive reason, or beyond question M. THIERS would soon find the majority ranged against him. That he speaks for Paris and the great cities, and with the hope of pacifying those who claim to believe the Republic in danger, is an excuse which keeps the majority from doing more than enter its protest by the lips of M. DE KERTRAL. Outside the Chamber the speech of M. THIERS has another signification, for it is regarded as his last words before the general attack upon the insurrection.

DOINGS OF THE INSURGENTS.

Driven within the walls of the *enceinte* the insurgents are busy in throwing up new batteries and in blocking up the streets of Paris with barricades. A few days ago a battery was established at St. Ouen, with the intention of preventing the passage of troops across the peninsula of Gennevilliers. But this work has brought the insurgents into conflict with the Prussians. Yesterday an officer was sent to order the evacuation and dismantlement of this battery without delay. As the Commune appeared to take no notice of this first summons, an ultimatum was sent last night, the gist being, that if the insurgents did not evacuate St. Ouen immediately, taking away all of their troops and their cannon, the Prussian batteries would open fire upon Montmartre. It is needless to add, perhaps, that the guns were removed this morning. A small engagement took place at the Haste Bruyere today, during which forty insurgents were killed and a dozen taken prisoners. This was a detachment of the National Guard, out on a reconnoissance. The commandant and three officers were among the captured. Yesterday afternoon a company of cavalry fell upon a band of insurgents out on a small excursion, dispersing them in a few moments, and bringing in fifteen prisoners. Among them was a Captain and a Lieutenant of the One Hundred and Sixth Battalion of the National Guard, who did not cease to protest against their arrest. Force had to be used to make them march on with the other prisoners. For the last few days every reconnoissance of the insurgents beyond their forts has speedily come to grief.

VISITORS FROM PARIS.

The young men who come in from Paris inform us that the aspect of the city becomes more and more sad and sombre from day to day. A complete blockade is now expected. The trains of provisions which have been coming in by the northern railway are now stopped at St. Denis, and a strict guard is kept upon the other lines. The prospect of another siege, so soon after the one in which the people were so terribly tried, is not relished by the Parisians. A strong sentiment is thus raised against the Commune. Besides this there are dissatisfaction and fatigue in the National Guard. Two or three battalions have refused to recognise either the Committee or the Commune, and will not permit themselves to be disarmed. These battalions have sent word that they are organized in secret, and hold themselves in readiness to aid the troops of the Assembly at the proper moment. An attack is daily expected, and many of the partisans of the Commune acknowledge that, owing to the disaffection in the National Guard, it has every chance of success. The chase after the young men of Paris has created a real reign of terror, and all who are able to do so make their escape from the city. On Tuesday the Grand Magazine of the Louvre were suddenly surrounded, and over three hundred of the clerks taken away under guard to be incorporated in the army of the Commune. No sooner was this fact known than the other great establishments closed their doors, leaving their young employes to secrete themselves or to save themselves by flight. But most of those, in hiding, are betrayed or ferreted out by the women of Belleville, who have given themselves up to the sport of hunting down the fugitives. These furies are the women who receive a subsidy of a few sous a day from the Commune.

LABORS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The "sacred right of petition" lends to some curious scenes in the Chamber, and as the Assembly has nothing to do, or has a desire to do nothing, it passes away the time in listening to petitions. Yesterday one of these petitions was from a man who had discovered the process of making diamonds, and he petitions the Assembly to furnish the means for the work by which untold wealth can be realised, and the war debt immediately paid. The Assembly "could not see it," and the petition was referred amid laughter and jeers. I say that the Assembly is doing nothing, yet occasionally it passes a law or decree. Yesterday a bill was introduced to punish the man who destroy public and private property, and to apply the penal code to those who buy property illegally seized or stolen. Four Deputies from Paris voted against this just bill. These four men were TIRARD, BRISSON, TOLAIN and PEYRET. ASHBY.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Tuesday, May 16, at 11:47 o'clock:

Places of Observation.	Barometer reduced to 32° Fahrenheit.	Thermometer.	Direction of Wind.	Force of Wind.	State of the Weather.
Augusta, Ga.	29.92	79	S.	Light.	Clear.
Baltimore	29.82	69	S.W.	Light.	Clear.
Boston	29.65	62	E.	Fresh.	Cloudy.
Buffalo	29.76	68	S.W.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Charleston	30.06	74	E.	Light.	Clear.
Chicago	29.97	58	N. E.	Brisk.	Clear.
Cincinnati	29.85	71	W.	Fresh.	Clear.
Cleveland	29.80	68	S.W.	Light.	Cloudy.
Detroit, Mich.	29.80	65	N.W.	Light.	Fair.
Indianapolis	29.84	69	N.	Light.	Hy. rain.
Key West	30.01	79	N. E.	Gentle.	Fair.
Knoxville	29.90	67	....	Calm.	Cloudy.
Lake Harbor, Mich.	29.80	60	....	Calm.	Fair.
Memphis	29.93	69	S.W.	Light.	Cloudy.
Mobile	29.99	74	....	Calm.	Fair.
Nashville	29.92	72	....	Calm.	Cloudy.
New-Haven	29.70	62	S.	Light.	Cloudy.
New-Orleans	29.90	71	N. E.	Light.	Fair.
New-York	29.71	63	S.	Light.	Fair.
Norfolk, Va.	29.90	71	E.	Gentle.	Fair.
Oswego	29.80	62	S.W.	Fresh.	Cloudy.
Pittsburg	29.88	44	E.	Fresh.	Ia. rain.
Portland, Me.	29.63	61	S.	Fresh.	Threat'g.
Rochester, N.Y.	29.70	59	W.	Gentle.	Ia. rain.
Savannah	30.00	77	....	Calm.	Clear.
St. Louis, Mo.	29.95	70	....	Calm.	Cloudy.
St. Paul, Minn.	29.96	60	E.	Fresh.	Clear.
Toledo, O.	29.90	68	N.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Washington	29.90	72	S. E.	Light.	Clear.
Wilmington	30.09	71	S.	Fresh.	Clear.

Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation.

Synopsis and Prognostics.

WASHINGTON, May 17—1 A. M.—The barometer has generally fallen from the Lakes and Ohio Valley eastward to the Atlantic. During the day threatening weather, with occasional local rains, have prevailed from Indiana to Ontario, clear weather on the South Atlantic and Gulf States. The barometer has risen somewhat, with clear weather, on the Pacific coast, and has risen still more in the extreme North-east. Fresh winds have prevailed on Lakes Michigan and Erie, and in the Eastern States; light winds and calms in the Southern States.

PROBABILITIES.

It is probable that on Wednesday night the weather will continue without material change in the Southern and Gulf States; clearing up weather in the Ohio Valley and northward, cloudy and clearing weather succeeding local rains from Pennsylvania to Maine.

Base-Ball in Chicago and Boston.

CHICAGO, May 16.—The White Stockings of Chicago and the Olympics of Washington played a match-game of ball in this city this afternoon, being the first of the championship series between these two clubs. Neither ALLISON nor SWEASY played in the Olympic nine. Their places were filled by WATERMAN and BRETHRONG. Over 5,000 people were present.

Olympics	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	—4
White Stockings	0	2	0	3	1	3	3	0	—14

BOSTON, May 16.—The second game for the championship of the United States, between the Haymakers of Troy and the Boston Red Stockings, drew a crowd of nearly 5,000 spectators to the Boston grounds this afternoon, and the expectation of a hotly-contested game was universal. George Wright, being still unable to play, his place was taken by HARRY WRIGHT, and JACKSON played in the centre field. The Haymaker nine was the same to a man as in Troy. The game was umpired by Mr. M. M. ROGERS, and at 3½ o'clock play was commenced, the Haymakers going to the field. The following is the score:

Boston	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	3	1—10
Haymakers	3	0	0	0	0	4	11	1	0—29

Time of game, two hours and twenty minutes.

To-morrow afternoon the Haymakers play the Harvards on the Boston grounds.

Annual Election of Officers at the Deaf and Dumb Institution.

Yesterday afternoon the annual election of officers and directors for the Deaf and Dumb Institution, situated on the Hudson near Fort Washington, took place with the following result: President, Rev. WM. ADAMS, D. D.; First Vice-President, Hon. Henry E. Davis, LL. D.; Second Vice-President, Hon. Erastus Brooks; Treasurer, Joseph W. Patterson, Esq., and Secretary, Thatcher M. Adams—all elected for one year. The Board of Directors for the next three years comprises the following gentlemen: Hon. Erastus Brooks, Frederick de Peyster, LL. D., Enoch L. Fancher, LL. D., Joseph W. Patterson, Avery T. Brown, Gen. H. E. Davis, Jr., Rev. Charles B. Stoddard, D. Willis James. The following appointments were also indorsed: Isaac Lewis Peet, Principal; S. D. Brooks, Superintendent and Physician, vice Louis A. Rodenstein, M. D., and C. N. Brainerd, Steward.

GENERAL NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

CUBA.

Havana Giving Valmaseda a Reception—Contemptible Strength of the Insurgents—Surrenders.

HAVANA, May 16.—The streets and many of the houses are handsomely decorated in honor of VALMASEDA's return to the city. Trustworthy information gives the number of insurgents in the jurisdiction of Sancti Spiritus as less than 500, and half of these are under the command of one ESTRONGO, a negro. MONTEAGUDO, of Villa Clara, a member of the Cuban Military Court, and eight men, have surrendered to VALMASEDA. There are reports of great dissatisfaction existing among the insurgents, and that many of the leaders are desirous of submitting to the Spanish authority, but are unable to collect sixty men, which VALMASEDA requires each to bring, in order to receive pardon. ESTORT, VILLAMIL, HERNANDEZ, and others have gone to Camaguay. LORDA LAO TEMA and a few followers are supposed to be hiding near Trinidad. The military cordon established across the narrow part of the island has proved a complete success, and is increasing in value daily to the Spaniards.

CANADA.

Immigration to Winnipeg—The Outbreak of 1869-70—An Investigation, Punishment and Compensation Refused by the Local Parliament.

TORONTO, Canada, May 16.—Advices from Winnipeg to April 26 have been received. A party of immigrants from the frontier of Huron and Bruce had arrived there. They had to cut through ice in many places. The party speak highly of the country. The new steamer *Selkirk*, owned by Messrs. HILL, GRIGGS & CO., had arrived with a large amount of freight and seventy-eight passengers from Fort Abercrombie in four days. Resolutions have been proposed in the House for an investigation into the outbreak of 1869 and 1870, and asking compensation for losses, and calling for the punishment of those who took the life of Mr. SCOTT. The resolutions were lost by a vote of 14 to 5. The Attorney-General moved an amendment, which was carried, asserting the belief that the Dominion Government would as soon as possible decide as to compensation and punishment of the offenders. The House threw on the Government the responsibility of acting to it.

OTTAWA, Ontario, May 16.—The Homestead bill has passed the Assembly. Its provisions are very liberal. One clause protects debtors coming here for five years against creditors.

SINKING OF THE MERRIMAC.

The Collision with the Steamer Aleppo in Boston Bay—Rescue of the Crew—Refusal of the Steamer to Put Back and Land Them.

BOSTON, May 16.—A letter from Capt. J. N. NICHOLS, of the bark *Merrimac*, of Boston, which was run into and sunk by the Cunard steam-ship *Aleppo* below this port, gives the following particulars of the disaster: "On the 26th of April, when thirteen miles from Boston Light, with the Minot's Rock light bearing four miles distant, the *Merrimac* was run into by the *Aleppo* and sunk in just thirteen minutes after the collision in twenty-three fathoms of water. All of the crew saved themselves by climbing over the steamer's bow to her deck, the bark and everything on board being a total loss. A boat was put off from the *Aleppo* for the purpose of saving the bark's papers and a few other things, but she went down before the men could reach her. There was a thick fog at the time, and Capt. NICHOLS states that he sounded his fog-horn every minute from the time he first heard the steamer's whistle until the moment of collision. In fifteen minutes after first hearing the whistle the steamer struck the bark. The *Merrimac* was then lying becalmed, and the officers in charge on deck had not had steerage way on her for two hours previous to the accident. The Captain and all hands were carried to Liverpool, Capt. MORELAND, of the *Aleppo*, refusing to put about, being anxious to beat the *Parthia*, which had left on the same day from New-York. The Captain of the bark states that he was lying to in the fog becalmed and waiting for a pilot; that he was sounding fog-horns at the time he heard the steam-ship's whistle, and that an order to starboard from the steamer's Captain would have given him the steam-ship on her bilge instead of her bows. But the bark stood with her bows on the port side of the steamer, and the Admiralty laws requiring steam-ships to go to the stern of sailing vessels, the Captain of the *Aleppo* contends that his order was right. The *Merrimac* was owned by Messrs. BRIDGE & LORD, of Boston, and was sunk four miles east of Minot's Light."

FIRES.

Burning of a Rectifying Establishment in Cincinnati—Loss, $300,000—Other Losses.

CINCINNATI, May 16.—A fire broke out at 11 o'clock last night in the rectifying establishment of MILLS, JOHNSON & CO., on Sycamore-street. The fire was discovered in an area in the rear, Nos. 22 and 24, the stock-room of the establishment, which soon communicated to the entire building, from the cellar to the fifth story, and burned with astonishing persistence for more than two hours. The fire was confined to the building in which it originated. The loss has not been fully ascertained, owing to much of the stock being covered in the *débris*, but it is supposed it will not be less than $200,000, upon which there is an insurance to the amount of $124,000. The building, which is owned by A. & J. WOLF, is a total loss, only the walls being left. It is insured for $63,000.

BOSTON, May 16.—The large building on T Wharf, owned by the T Wharf Company, and leased by F. NICKERSON & Co. for the storage of freight to and from Savannah and the Provinces, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon, also a lot of merchandise awaiting transportation. The steamer *Commerce* took fire, but was turned into the stream and was saved. The total loss is estimated at $25,000. The building was insured for $8,000 in the Neptune Company, and in the Mercantile Company for $10,000. The large new machine shop at Napoleon, Ohio, which was nearly ready for the machinery, was blown down, yesterday afternoon, during a severe storm. Loss from $8,000 to $10,000.

MONTREAL, Canada, May 16.—Two large fires occurred early this morning, one in St. Antoine-street, and the other in Seury-street. In the first three houses and two horses were burned, and in the second a row of small houses was consumed. Loss, $25,000. The buildings were insured.

BOSTON, May 16.—A fire in SAXONVILLE, Mass., last night, burned the shoe-shop, dwelling and out-buildings of W. W. LAKER. Loss, $9,000.

POUGHKEEPSIE, May 16.—The forests along the line of the Rondout and Oswego Railroad are burning. A large tract of woodland has already been burnt over. The fire originated from sparks from the locomotives.

DURHAM, Ontario, May 16.—The extensive foundry and machine-shop of Messrs. A. & A. COCHRANE was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is $20,000.

ST. CATHERINES, Ontario, May 16.—Four dwelling houses and barns on Duke and James streets were destroyed by fire this morning. The occupants were G. P. M. BALL, W. A. MITTLEBERGER, PATRICK RILEY, and A. F. PATTERSON. The buildings were of wood, and were entirely consumed. The loss is about $10,000; insurance $4,000. No lives were lost.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., May 16.—ISAAC SEIGFRIED, a master mason in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, was instantly killed at Potoram this afternoon by the morning express-train. Deceased was engaged building on the road and did not step far enough aside to avoid the engine, which threw him against the wall knocking his brains out. He was fifty years old, and leaves a wife and family at Columbia, Ga.

WASHINGTON.

Probable Delay in the Ratification of the Treaty—Democratic Influences in Favor of the Treaty—The Recruitment Witnesses to Come Before the Senate.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Earl DE GREY and his brother Commissioners, as well as Gen. SCHENCK and family, had engaged passage in the steamer of the 24th, with the expectation that two weeks' consideration by the Senate would be sufficient to enable that body to come to a final and favorable conclusion on the subject, but they find now that they will be delayed probably beyond that time, as it seems to be the impression that the Senate will hardly conclude discussion under two weeks from the present writing. In the meantime the British Commissioners are very anxious to return. Since the demonstration against the treaty in Parliament Earl DE GREY feels that he wants to be home to defend his work, hence an effort will be made here to hasten a decision. In the meantime the character of the opposition is not clearly developed. The San Juan question, as adjusted, will probably meet with opposition from CASSERLY, KELLEY and CORBETT, of the Pacific coast. But on the other hand THURMAN is reported as in favor of the treaty, and some strong Democratic influences are being brought to bear in that direction. Hon. JNO. V. L. PRUYN, ex-member of the House from Albany, arrived this morning, for the express purpose of urging Democratic Senators to vote for ratification, and there are other influences of the same character at work.

TORTURING THE JOURNALISTS.

The Senate gave its whole time today to a discussion on the report of the Committee of investigation in the case of the correspondents who refuse to testify. True to its most notable tradition, that honorable body looks at the preservation of its privileges as of more consequence than the settlement with Great Britain. The result of the debate was that the arrest of Mr. WHITE and Mr. RAMSDELL was ordered, and they are to come before the Senate to-morrow. The injunction of secrecy was taken from the records touching this matter, and they were given to the Associated Press. If the Senate does not resume the consideration of the treaty till it has relieved itself of those who reveal its secrets, it is to be feared there will be no quorum left to act upon ratification, and the session threatens to be indefinitely prolonged. The Investigating Committee which is looking up the sources of the divulged treaty, are likely to get some pretty tough specimens of hard swearing if they keep on asking questions.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent to the Senate today the following nominations:

Nicholas Fish of New-York, Assistant Secretary of Legation at Berlin; Herman Brown of Indiana, Consul at Minatitlan; William B. Parker of Pennsylvania, Consul at Zante; George A. Gordon, Assessor of Internal Revenue for the First District of Texas; David E. Bullock, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of Missouri; Edward Livingston, Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Nineteenth District of Pennsylvania; Robert Scott, Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Second District of Virginia; Joseph Shepard, to be Collector of Customs at St. Marys, Georgia; Jas. M. Beatty, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twenty-first District of Ohio; Wm. H. MacDonald, to be Chief Engineer in the Marine Revenue Service; John T. Jones, of Arkansas, to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Harrison in that State; David B. Hammond, to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Humboldt; Geo. E. Wright, of Iowa, to be Register of the Land Office at Sioux City.

Postmasters—Orrin B. Ingalls, at Belvidere, Ill.; Oliver E. Scotford, at Morris, Ill.; Phineas Gravely, at Albion, Ill.; Ipsens M. Steele, at Ottawa, Ill.; Volney Belknap, at Erie, Penn.; Miss Ella G. Peck, at Greenville, Penn.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW BONDS.

JOHN P. BIGELOW, Esq., Chief of the Loan Branch of the Treasury Department, will leave here to-night for New-York, to be present on the arrival of the first package of $1,000 bonds, which go to-night by express. Mr. BIGELOW will attend to their distribution, and to starting the bonds upon the market. Hereafter the new bonds will be supplied regularly every day, and subscribers will not have to wait for them. The Printing Bureau has completed $2,000,000 of the $1,000 bonds, and nearly $6,000,000 worth of registered $10,000 bonds. The smaller denominations will be ready in a few days.

NATIONAL BANK CIRCULATION.

Erroneous reports have recently been published relative to the redistribution of national bank circulation, which, it is alleged, will be made after the middle of July next. It has been claimed that if the $54,000,000 is not taken by the Western and Southern States before July 19, the amounts unissued will be furnished to banks in other States without restriction. Numerous applications have been made for such currency from the Eastern States. After consultation between the Secretary and the Controller, it was decided that the law would not permit the issue of any portion of the currency to those States which have more than they are entitled to under previous apportionments, but must be reserved for the exclusive use of the Southern and Western States.

POPULATION OF KANSAS.

Of the total number of 296,021 whites, American born, in the State of Kansas, 89,060 were born in Kansas, 27,000 in Ohio, 25,454 in Illinois, 20,771 in Indiana, 23,834 in Missouri, 4,260 in Michigan, 12,824 in New-York, 19,220 in Pennsylvania, 2,369 in Vermont, 12,970 in Iowa, 8,766 in Virginia and West Virginia, 5,819 in Tennessee, 4,099 in Wisconsin, 2,897 in Massachusetts. Of the total number of 17,007 colored, 3,797 were born in Kansas, 5,924 in Missouri, 1,142 in Virginia and West Virginia, 606 in Tennessee, 299 in Arkansas, 490 in North Carolina. Of the total number of 48,889 persons of foreign birth, 5,224 were born in British America, 13,774 in Germany, 10,988 in Ireland, 6,161 in England, 1,581 in Scotland, 1,974 in France, 1,329 in Switzerland, and 1,021 in Wales.

THE ENFORCEMENT ACT.

With the exception of the reports of Kuklux outrages which come to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue, the majority are from private sources to the President and the Secretary of War. The recent proclamation of the President is regarded as a guide for the suppression of disturbances. The movements of troops will depend upon circumstances. The reorganization of military districts in the South will not probably take place until the Fall.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

EXTRA SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 16.

Senator FERRY, of Connecticut, and Senator LOGAN, of Illinois, took their seats for the first time this session. Senators BROWNLOW of Tennessee, JOHNSON of Virginia, and KELLOGG of Louisiana, are absent from the City. There are three vacancies: One from Georgia, one from Alabama and one from North Carolina.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. NEWMAN, and the reading of the journal of yesterday, Mr. BUCKINGHAM, of Connecticut, offered a resolution which was agreed to, requesting the President, if not inconsistent with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate copies of all correspondence in the State Department in relation to ship *Hudson* and schooner *Washington*, property of citizens of Connecticut, seized by the British authorities in the Falkland Islands in 1854, and also the report of Lieut. LYNCH, or other naval officers on file in the Naval Department, on the same subject.

On a motion of Mr. CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, the Senate went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

When, at a few minutes past 12 o'clock today, the Senate went into Executive Session, Mr. CARPENTER made a report from the Select Committee appointed to investigate how and by whom the Treaty of Washington and other recent proceedings in the Executive Session of the Senate were made public. The report was accompanied by resolutions directing the arrest of Messrs. WHITE and RAMSDELL, the correspondents who refused to divulge the source whence they obtained the obnoxious news, which were adopted.

The Senate, at 4:45 P. M., adjourned.

A DEADLY FEUD ENDED.

Two Men and a Woman in Kentucky Fatally Wound Each Other.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 16.—A special dispatch to the *Courier-Journal*, from Owensboro, Ky., says that a farmer named CAIN, while passing through an adjoining farm belonging to one SUMMERS, was shot at and slightly wounded by SUMMERS. The latter's wife joined in the attack and fired three times, wounding CAIN twice. CAIN then seized an ax and nearly split SUMMERS' head open. Mrs. SUMMERS was also hit on the head with the ax, and shot in the head and breast with her husband's pistol, which CAIN seized. The two are dying. CAIN was shot in the head, shoulder and bowels. The last wound will probably prove mortal. An enmity existed between the parties since CAIN fired at Mrs. SUMMERS last Spring. Each had forbidden the other to pass through their respective farms.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A meeting of the Bordell bondholders of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad was held at Boston yesterday, for the purpose of raising funds for paying the receivers their expenses so that the trustees might take possession of the railroad under the decree recently issued by the Supreme Court. The amount required was stated to be $200,000.

The New-Jersey Court of Pardons had a meeting yesterday, when the Governor issued a warrant for the execution of WARE, the murderer, but reconsiders the action of Judge WOODHULL staying sentence. This finally disposes of WARE's case until the writ of error is argued.

OLIVER A. GOLD, editor of the *New-England Regulator*, Portland, Me., was yesterday found guilty of publishing a libel against HOWARD G. HIGBY, merchant in this City, stating that HIGBY was interested in the forgeries of G. G. NUTTER, committed recently.

A large and enthusiastic Temperance meeting, yesterday, in Dayton, Ohio, was addressed by Hon. PETER H. WATKINS and others. Resolutions were adopted favoring the enforcement of the Liquor laws, especially on Sunday.

The Grand Order of Druids, in session at Louisville, on Monday, was attended by deputations from Newport, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and other cities. During the day there was a fine procession.

The proposition to purchase for $475,000 part of the Boston and Providence Railroad Depot property by the City of Boston, to extend Columbus-avenue, as in a fair way of consummation.

DR. TRASK, the principal medical witness for Mrs. FAIR, has sued her for $2,100 for medical services, and sent an attachment to the Bank of California, but all her funds had just been drawn out by her mother.

Gov. SCOTT, of South Carolina, was in consultation with the leading bankers of Charleston yesterday, and will leave for New-York today to carry out the suggestions of the Tax-payer's Convention.

JOHN RYAN, a notorious ruffian, who murdered Miss SARAH OWEN, nesy Mayfield, Ky., in 1863, and committed a number of daring robberies in Southern Kentucky about that time, was arrested in Arkansas a few days since.

Light rains now prevail throughout the State of California, and the prospects for the fruit crop were never better. The grape crop will be unusually heavy. Wheat and barley will be light.

A company has been incorporated in California with $6,000,000 capital, to construct eight canals for the irrigation of the entire San Joaquin Valley.

A perpetual injunction has been granted against the Thirteenth and Fifteenth-street Railroad, in Philadelphia, to restrain them from laying tracks on Broad-street.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Reserve Association convened yesterday at Philadelphia. Gen. MEADE was elected Chairman.

A premature explosion occurred at the Midland Tunnel, in the Shawangunk Mountains, on Monday evening, by which two men were killed and four injured.

The schooner *Ocean Bird*, of Baltimore, for Salem, Mass., sank ten miles south of Five Fathom Light, on Monday. The crew had evidently been taken off.

The Little Rock (Tenn.) Railroad Company are inviting bids to raise the road-bed out of the water, and to check the danger of an overflow from Hopefield to Madison.

JUDSON A. SPEDDON, Postmaster at Sparta, Ohio, confessed to using cancelled stamps, and was yesterday fined $150 by Judge SHERMAN, at Cleveland.

PRINCE DE LYNAR, of Prussia, was married yesterday, in Columbus, Ohio, to Miss MARY PARSONS, of that city. Bishop MCILVAINE officiated.

The men of the Pennsylvania Company decided yesterday to go to work, accepting the Company's offer of five cents rise.

The Pullman palace-car excursion-train which left Boston, over the Eastern Road, yesterday morning, has arrived at Bangor.

EDEN B. REEDER, one of the pioneer citizens of Cincinnati, fell into an open area, yesterday, injuring himself very severely.

Twenty-five dollars conscience-money due for Custom-house fees, were received at the United States Treasury yesterday.

The subscriptions to the new loan yesterday, up to noon, were $7,000. The internal revenue receipts yesterday were $260,923.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE STORY OF MY LIFE. By HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN. New-York: HURD & HOUGHTON.

This autobiography is now for the first time translated into English, and contains chapters additional to those published in the Danish edition, bringing it down to the Odense festival of 1867, which the author looks upon as the crowning honor of his life. The book opens and closes with a scene in Odense. In the first, a weeping child lies in a small, mean room, the principal furniture of which is a shoe-making bench and a bedstead, made by the father; in the last the poor child, now become a famous man, is made an honorary citizen of his native town, which holds a festival and is illuminated in his honor. The author has written no more charming wonder-story than this of his own life. It is told with delightful simplicity and frankness. The simple, quaint, superstitious child life; the struggles of youth; the suffering of his sensitive nature under harsh criticism, and its rejoicing in sympathy and encouragement, are all confided to the reader with the most pleasing *naïveté*. ANDERSEN'S works are so well known that they make the events which suggested and gave rise to them, and the characters and circumstances which influenced them, full of interest. His nature found great enjoyment in travel, and year after year he wandered through the chief countries in Europe, forming friendships with the most distinguished men and women of his time. Familiar scenes from nature and people of world-wide fame all receive a new charm, seen through the medium of his fresh poetic spirit. Dread of the sea has alone prevented him from visiting America, but nowhere has he warmer friends, and they will eagerly embrace this means of becoming better acquainted with the man who has so long been held in high esteem as a writer.

DION AND THE SIBYLS. A Classic Christian Novel. By MILES GERALD KEON. New-York: The Catholic Publication Society.

The author of this book has undertaken an ambitious task in trying to depict the greatest transition of all history. It is a novel, the scene of which is laid in Rome in the latter part of the reign of AUGUSTUS. An attempt is made to represent the Roman life of that day, and the effect of the mission of the Savior as actually witnessed by his contemporaries. Historical characters of the time are freely introduced, and much learning is displayed in the references to public events and the customs of the period. Nothing but the very highest talents could achieve a sufficient degree of success in a work of this kind to justify the attempt. To reproduce the life of a remote age is a task of extreme difficulty, and is not worth while undertaking, unless it can be accomplished with sufficient accuracy and vividness to be of value to the student of history. If mere entertainment, or an ordinary lesson drawn from life is sought, it can be obtained at a cheaper rate. That the author of this book aimed at the higher result there is no doubt; that he reached it, we cannot admit. Yet the extreme interest which is felt in the historical events and the rest connected with the advent of Christianity, will induce many to read the story for the sake even of partial and imperfect glimpses of the world in those marvelous times. The situations and incidents of the story itself are interesting, but by no means exciting, and the style is good, without having any of the highest qualities of literary art.

KNOTS UNTIED; OR, WAYS AND BY-WAYS OF THE HIDDEN LIFE OF AMERICAN DETECTIVES. By Officer GEO. S. MCWATTERS, late of the Metropolitan Police, New-York. Hartford: J. B. BURR & HYDE.

The lives of detectives are necessarily fraught with exciting events and incidents, and their stories when well told have a charm for nearly every one. It is very rare that anybody who has been through the experience, has both the ability and the disposition to sit down and write out the fund of stories which his memory contains. Officer MCWATTERS, after a long and honorable service in the Police Department of New-York, has had the boldness to write a book. That he proves an exception to the rule, and shows himself able to tell his stories in the best manner, can hardly be claimed, but he tells them well, and to many readers they will prove interesting and valuable. The dangers and pitfalls which await strangers in New-York, especially those who are unused to the ways of a great city, are pointed out, and the tricks of the rogues who lie in wait for the unwary, are exposed. There are also many stories of criminals and the methods used to capture them, contained in the book. The atmosphere into which it introduces one is not of the purest, but it reveals phases of human life which have an interest for thinking men.

M. OR N., "SIMILIA SIMILIBUS CURANTUR." By J. G. WHITE BELLOWS. New-York: LEYPOLDT, HOLT & WILLIAMS.

This novel is devoted to the fortunes of a young lady, who by the sudden death of her father and mother, just as she is of age to enter society, is left to make her own way in life. She finds a home with a rich aunt, who introduces her to the world, where her great beauty, which has already conquered all who have met her, attracts many admirers. To release herself from her dependent position, by making a marriage of wealth and position, becomes the object of her life. Her plans to secure this, sacrificing one lover after another until she attains her ambition, are described at length. The character of the heroine is cold, hard, and selfish, and she does not hesitate to use the most unscrupulous means to gain her end. An attempt of those whom she has deceived to revenge themselves, results in failure and their ruin, while she is finally rewarded by success and happiness. The story is not a pleasing one, although the plot is well drawn, and the characters skillfully developed.

FIFTY YEARS IN THE MAGIC CIRCLE. By signor BLITZ. Hartford, Conn.: BELKNAP & BLISS.

Signor BLITZ, familiar to the public as a performer of wonders for the amusement of old and young, has followed the example of many others whose careers as traveling performers have carried them through many adventures, and written a book. As it gives the story of his own life, it will, of course, be interesting to a very large class of persons, who can renew, in going over its pages, their recollections of the marvellous magician, whose feats have occasioned far more innocent merriment, than have the juggleries of many more pretentious persons who come before the public with accounts of their experiences and observations. The book is full of curious anecdotes, told in a gossipy style, and is sold by subscription only.

OVER THE OCEAN; OR LIGHTS AND SCENES IN FOREIGN LANDS. By CURTIS GUILD. Boston: LEE & SHEPARD.

The sketches which form this volume were written by the editor of the Boston *Commercial Bulletin*, during a seven months' trip in Europe, for his journal, and are now collected in permanent form. As the writer does not leave the well-worn ground of Europe, the scenes described are familiar to all, either through personal acquaintance or books and pictures, but they will recall pleasantly many places and objects of never-ending interest, of which they make a series of graphic and faithful pictures.

SOREN THOUGHTS ON STAPLE THEMES. By RICHARD RANDOLPH. Philadelphia: CLAXTON, REMSEN & HAFFELFINGER.

This is a small volume, made up of short pieces on religious subjects. They are alternately in prose and verse, and some of the titles, such as "Brotherly Love," "The Christian Penal System," "The Religion of Labor," "The Last Heresy," will indicate their character. They are treated in a liberal Christian spirit, and form instructive, suggestive readings for leisure half hours on Sunday.

Other Books Received.

THE OGILVIES. A Novel. By the author of "John Halifax, Gentleman," &c. New-York: HARPER & BROS.

This is a new edition of the first of Miss MULOCK'S fictions, in a single, convenient, and well-printed volume.

AN OLD FASHIONED BOY. By MARTHA FARQUHARSON, Author of "Elsie Dinsmore," &c. Philadelphia: EVANS, STODDARD & CO.

In this volume we find a pleasant story of youthful life, including a tolerable picture of school experience.

PUBLIC AND PARLOR READINGS. Edited by LEWIS B. MONROE. Boston: LEE & SHEPARD.

This is an excellent collection of humorous pieces for public or private reading, including the latest good things in wit and humor which have appeared.

TRIED FOR HER LIFE. By Mrs. EMMA D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH. Philadelphia: T. B. PETERSON.

Here is a new book for the admirers of Mrs. SOUTHWORTH'S multitudinous fictions, which, strange to say, gives no indication of any exhaustion of her powers, so long exercised in this department of letters.

PERSONAL, POLITICAL AND GENERAL.

Boston's subscriptions for its projected Museum of Fine Arts now amount to $245,977.

Vice-President COLFAX has been invited to attend the Odd-fellows' celebration in Boston on the 16th of June.

The English historian FROUDE has declined an invitation to come to America on a lecturing tour next Fall.

A Texas paper reports the killing of three women while disguised as men and attempting to rob a house.

Boston papers record the mysterious disappearance of a temperance lecturer, who, when last seen, was drunk.

Street names are curious in Providence. The *Journal* speaks of a locality "on Angell beyond Hope."

The Poughkeepsie *Eagle* appeared yesterday in a new suit, and in a style much changed and greatly improved.

Gen. J. C. LEE, of Toledo, has jointed he innumerable caravan of those who have refused to become candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor of Ohio.

Policeman JOHN J. HERRON, of Syracuse, fell dead while on his beat on Sunday night. The *Standard* says he was "quite a youngerly man." He was a Lieutenant in the Fourteenth New-York Regiment.

A Cincinnati Councilman's house is haunted by a ghost, which raps on the headboard of his bed so loudly when he attempts to sleep in a certain room that he is compelled to "woo the god of slumber in another apartment," as he expresses it.

The publication of the Albany *Law Journal*, which was temporarily suspended by the burning of WEED, PARSONS & CO.'s printing establishment, has been resumed, and it presents a table of contents as valuable and attractive as ever.

ROBERT TOOMBS, in his lecture in Augusta, Ga., urged his hearers to make no compromise, to have nothing to do with men who talk of dead issues and accepting the situation, and to make a square fight of it now and here after.

The Chicago *Tribune* ventures to express the opinion that if Mr. DOUGLAS were alive he would prefer to have his remains removed from their present lonely resting-place! And it gives a reason for the faith that is in it, namely: "He was an eminently social being—one who loved his companions, and sought society, not exclusiveness nor solitude."

A deserted wife in Pennsylvania, who has advertised her errant husband, says: "He is a tall man, about fifty years old, has considerable money and a high forehead, long face and lantern-jawed man, a bad man with a fist like a giant, and has often beat me, and I want him to end his days in a penitentiary, where he belongs; and he wears a gray coat, with a very large mouth, and one blue eye and one blind blue eye, and a hideous looking man, and I want him brought slap up in the law with blue pants."

Residents of the village of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, are in a flutter on the discovery of what they call a subterranean cavern among the rocks beneath them. They say that in digging a cellar there was found a crevice or fissure in the rocks, which is nearly ten feet in length and five or six inches in width, and that if you empty a pail of water into it for experiment, you can hear it going down—down—down, at first with a rushing noise—then fainter and fainter until the sound of the falling stream is lost in the deep distance below."

Of Mr. MICHAEL MAHER, who sailed for Liverpool last week, the Boston *Transcript* says: "He has been a faithful employe in the printing office of the *Transcript* for more than forty years, having entered it Jan. 9, 1831. He goes to his native Ireland, which he left some sixty years ago, when he was a lad of eleven, and now visits for the first time. Previous to his connection with this office he was with Capt. JOHN PERCIVAL in the United States ship *Cyanine*, on a three years' voyage round Cape Horn and in the Pacific. After this trip he was some four years in the family of Hon. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, at Quincy; then for some time he was with Mr. DWIGHT BOYDEN, in the early years of the Tremont House."

An obituary in a San Francisco paper says that the departed man "spoke and wrote with equal fluency Sclavonic, Italian, German, English, French and Spanish; but his chief studies and compositions were in the beautiful language of the gods—the Italian." And further: "But few could understand him fully, and though gifted with the warmest susceptibilities and the kindest heart, he passed most of his time alone in the contemplation of nature, and in the painful and fruitless endeavor to solve the social problem of progress and human destiny. He was of course unsuccessful as a financier, and knew so little of the world as to prefer the enunciation of a single thought to the acquisition of a fortune."

An important suit was set down for trial in the United States Circuit Court, in Indianapolis, Ind., yesterday, before Judges DAVID and DAVIS THOMAS DRUMMOND, it being that of LAMBIN P. MILLIGAN against ALVIN P. HOVEY and others, for $100,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment during the war of the rebellion. It is expected that the case, if fully tried, will open the whole history of the organization of the Sons of Liberty. Hendricks, Hord and Hendricks are counsel for the plaintiff; and Messrs. Martin M. Ray, Jonathan W. Gordon, Walter March, John U. Petit, James R. Stack and Porter Harrison and Hines for the defendants. Among the defendants to the suit are Senator MORTON and the members of the Military Commission that convicted MILLIGAN of treason.

People fond of strawberries had better go straightway to Minnesota, if they can credit a writer in the St. Paul *Press*, who asserts that he has seen scores of miles of country a degree of latitude north of Fort Totten, which was an almost continuous plantation of wild strawberries, growing, in many of the richer spaces, not on horizontal vines but on bushes, many of them three and four feet high, on which the clusters of this delicious fruit attained a size rarely reached by the most assiduous cultivation. So profuse, he says, was this native production of strawberries, on what is called the Parchina mountain—where the plant takes the upright form in the very pride of its exuberant fruitfulness, as if it disdained to creep along the earth with its scarlet crown of glory—that the cart wheels, crushing the berries as they revolved, were red with this wild vintage of the plains, and left long crimson wails behind them.

THE CODE AMENDMENTS.

Prof. Dwight's Opinion of the Infamous Bill Before the Governor—The Common Law Concerning Contempts of Court.

The following paper was prepared by Prof. DWIGHT, of this City, to be read before the Governor, on Friday last, but the Professor was unable to go with the Committee, and the matter therefore, remained with the writer. It treats chiefly of the question of contempts at common law, and will be read with interest:

When one is charged with the commission of an unlawful act constituting a crime, the designation of the tribunal which shall administer criminal justice becomes to him a matter of the highest importance. The common law is very lax in this respect, allowing a number of modes of trial, according to the aspect in which the offense is regarded. Thus, for example, there was a time when in the case of murder or other high crime, either one of two tribunals having wholly different methods might be resorted to. The accused might be tried by indictment in an ordinary criminal Court, or by impeachment in Parliament, according to the question, whether the offence was regarded as a breach of the King's peace, or as a crime against the State. In like manner, not only contempts in the face of Court of Record, but alleged libels published out of Court upon the administration of justice, might be regarded either as direct offenses against the King's peace, in which case they would be tried by a jury, or they might be considered as attacks on the dignity of the Court, when they would be regarded as contempts. In the one view, the alleged delinquent had the protection of twelve of his fellow-citizens, and of regular modes of trial, and could only be convicted upon the evidence of witnesses; in the other, the matter was examined by the Court, and perhaps by a single Judge, who considered himself to have been insulted. The proceeding was summary and without the usual safeguards. The accused could be required to answer interrogatories of the most searching character. The Judge could put his own interpretation on the words used, and the skill of a man of thorough training in the use of language might be employed to attach a meaning to words which was possible and plausible though not ordinary and natural. Charges which could never be substantiated before a jury might meet with swift condemnation and punishment at the hands of an offended Magistrate. The matter of criminal contempts is left in a very undefined condition at the common law. BLACKSTONE classifies the cases under seven general heads, the last of which is, for the present purpose, the most important. "Contempts," he says, "may arise in the face of the Court as by rude and contumelious behavior, by obstinacy, perverseness and prevarication; by breach of the peace, or any willful disturbance whatever; * * by speaking or writing contemptuously of the Court or Judges acting in their judicial capacity; by printing false accounts, or even true ones without proper permission; of causes then depending in judgment; and by anything, in short, that demonstrates a gross want of that regard and respect which, when once Courts of justice are deprived of their authority, is entirely lost among the people." These propositions embrace two general classes of cases, conduct in Court or before a Judge, and conduct out of Court. The law of contempt, according to Lord Chief-Justice WILMOT, (whose opinion is treated in the late cases as of great authority,) applies as well to the authority of Judges acting in Chambers as in open Court. It is also well settled that the same power can be exercised by a Judge at the Circuit. The danger to liberty in the common law proceedings is shown by these considerations: (1.) The power to punish for contempts is undefined, and its exercise depends on the discretion of the Court or Judge. (2.) It is exercised by the Judge who may suppose himself to have been insulted; or in other words, with the person aggrieved. (3.) It is exercised without the ordinary checks or safeguards attending criminal trials. The proceeding is inquisitorial, and the accused is compelled to answer against himself. (4.) The decision of the presiding Judge is without appeal. The only supervision that the Appellate Court can exercise is to see that the forms of law have been observed, as for instance, that the person charged with contempt has had a hearing, and that the offense is stated in the order of commitment. Whether the acts were in fact a contempt of Court is finally decided by the Court, or Judge before whom, in the first instance, the case is presented. (5.) The punishment may be imprisonment or fine. There can be no doubt that these formidable powers are susceptible of great abuse. They have, in fact, been wantonly and cruelly exercised in England, and particularly in the Colonial Courts, which in this respect, as in many similar ways, ape that of the English Courts of Record. It will not be out of place to refer to some of the cases in which there has been a broad assertion of extreme powers. In the case of The King vs. Almon, (Wilmot's Opinions,) a pamphlet had been published by the defendant, which was supposed to reflect on the conduct of Lord Chief-Justice MANSFIELD, in awarding a criminal information against Mr. WILKES. It was not an intemperate paper, but mainly consisted in an argument to show that the act should not have been done. Justice WILMOT was of opinion that there was a contempt of Court. To reach this conclusion, he resorted to ingenious construction, which the words used do not necessarily or naturally bear. In the case of The King vs. DAVISON, (4 B. and Ald., 336,) the defendant arraigned on a criminal charge, managed his own case before the jury. In the course of his summing up, which was undoubtedly foolish and ill-advised, he said, among other things, that "Bishops are generally sceptics." The presiding Judge considered this remark a contempt of Court, and fined the prisoner £40. The full bench, on an appeal, could not be induced to interfere. It was of the opinion of the Court, by BAYLEY J.: "Of the power of a Judge to punish for a contempt of Court, I have not the least doubt, and I am of the opinion that the Judge alone is competent to determine whether what is done be a contempt, and that no Court has a right to examine the exercise of his discretion. The only restraint on this power is corruptly exercised, is by impeachment."

Other cases are equally strong. That of CARUS WILSON, (7 Q., B., N., S., 1,015) may be referred to. Words were used by a legal practitioner which were not necessarily disrespectful, but apparently innocent. These words have been a mode of insinuation by which they could be construed into disrespect. The Court took this view and made out a case of contempt. The Appellate Court said, "It is enough to sustain the commitment if the words might be disrespectful, though they were not in themselves necessarily so. We cannot interfere unless the words are not reasonably be contemptuous." Lord DENMAN, Chief Justice, added: "A contempt is a case in which it becomes the unfortunate duty of a Court to act both as party and judge, and to decide whether it has been treated with contempt. A Court may be insulted by the most innocent words, if uttered in a peculiar manner and tone. The words might or might not be contemptuous. No other Court can meddle." The whole subject received exhaustive discussion before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in a very recent case (A. D. 1865.) The case was presented on an appeal from a Colonial Court. It appeared that there had been an article published in a Colonial newspaper commenting on the results of a trial before one of the Judges of the Colonial Court, and on the management of the case by one of the counsel. The publisher was found guilty of contempt on these grounds, and imprisoned for three months. The newspaper article appears to have been nothing more than a discussion of the nature and legality of the judicial proceedings, after they had fully transpired. The Privy Council decided that it could not entertain any appeal so long as the proceedings were regular in form. No inquiry was or could be had into the character of the alleged libel, upon which the Court below thought it proper to commit the publisher for contempt. Lord Chancellor WESTBURY, however, remarked that it was very desirable that there should be a check on the arbitrary exercise of the powers of the inferior Court (McDermott's case, Law Reports, 1 P. C., 261; 2 id., 263; 8 Moore, P. C., 47, 54.) No such check, in fact, exists; and the law reports plainly show a capricious and unreasonable exercise by the colonial Judges of this vast and irresponsible power, only qualified by the remote prospect of an impeachment for official corruption. These cases conclusively show that it is impossible for any writer or speaker to know whether he has committed a contempt of Court until he is sentenced; that he may be convicted for using the most innocent words toward a Judge; if the latter chooses to consider that he has an intent hidden beneath his speech; and finally, that he may be imprisoned for derogatory words spoken of Bishops in Court, or published or counsel in the columns of a newspaper, even after a trial is wholly finished. Even with these broad constructions the decisions of some of the Colonial Judges have been so absurdly cruel that the Privy Council has recommended to the Queen to remit, by way of pardon, the punishment. Such was the case of POLLARD, a man of high standing and Queen's Council. (Law Reports, 2 P. C., 120.) There is thus seen to be good reason why the New-York revisers marked out by precise limits the cases to be treated as criminal contempts, excepting constructive contempts of the character of libel. Under these regulations no publisher of a newspaper can be punished for comments on the conduct of Judges or counsel. The sophisms of Chief-Justice WILMOT and others are discarded, and it was deemed to be the true view that no criticism by the Press or pamphleteers, though caustic and unfair, could injure a Judge or impair the dignity of a Court in such a way as to make it worth while to put in jeopardy the safeguards of liberty. The revisers believed that the true protection of a Judge against a libel was the excellence and probity of his character. They give in their notes to the Legislature, the following excellent reasons for modifying the common law: "In preparing these sections, we have not designed to take from the Courts of justice any power which was essential to the maintenance of their dignity or the enforcement of their mandates. But we have herein pursued our general plan to define and limit undefined powers wherever it was possible, as well as for the information as protection of the citizens." It may be added that while the power of the Courts in England to punish as contempts the special case of alleged libels on the administration of justice made out of Court, may be recognised as legitimate, it is in opposition to the spirit of the New-York Constitution, which provides that in criminal prosecutions for libel the jury shall be judges both of the law and the fact. This rule may be systematically evaded by considering the supposed libel as a constructive contempt of Court. But, in the language of the revisers, "it cannot be necessary at this day to urge any reasons for substituting trial by jury in all possible cases instead of trial by an offended tribunal." It can scarcely be possible that the people of the State of New-York, after an experience of forty years of full liberty of speech and of the Press, as far as the doctrine of constructive contempts is concerned, are ready to endanger, and perhaps sacrifice it, by giving deliberately such portentous powers to a single Judge, having no check upon his will except the capricious, well-nigh obsolete and quite ineffective method of trial by impeachment. Assuming that there is no danger at the present moment, the hour may arrive when the common law power to commit for contempt will furnish a ready and eminent weapon in the hands of the bold and unscrupulous, to silence, not only the Press, but even the utterances of advocates or counsel. Arbitrary power always frets at the speech on the part of members of the Bar. So Gov. COLDON wrote to the Earl of HALIFAX a letter in which he refers to the dangerous influence which the profession of the law had obtained in this province more than in any other, and wished that the people were freed from the domination of the lawyers." This so-called "domination" was nothing more than a fixed determination on the part of the few members of the Bar of that day to insist upon a rational freedom—a determination which the Governor in vain hoped to overcome. Should the struggle for free speech ever come again, the Bar will not be infallible to its traditions, and will strive again to "dominate" in the same good sense. If by the doctrine of constructive contempts its members are cowed into silence, there will be hushed a potent voice of the tribunes of the people.

BADCLIFFE'S DIAMONDS.

The Case Against Mr. Justice Again Examined—Curious Statement by a Deputy of Col. Whitley—Mr. Justice's Defense.

The examination in the case of H. C. JUSTICE, charged by A. C. NEWCOMB, United States Detective, with complicity with AUGUSTUS C. RADCLIFFE, in concealing a large amount of diamonds from England to this country, was continued before Commissioner OSBORNE yesterday, WM. F. KIRKHAM, Esq., appearing for the prisoner, and Assistant District-Attorney MCKAY on behalf of the Government. Mr. A. C. BRATTY, a former employe in the Secret Service Bureau, under Col. WHITLEY, was called as a witness, and in answer to the questions of the counsel for the defense, made the following statement: After RADCLIFFE was arrested, he (BRATTY) heard a conversation between Col. WHITLEY and Mr. JUSTICE. WHITLEY said to JUSTICE that it was a big job and that big money ought to be made out of it. He hadn't the least doubt that a hundred thousand dollars could be made. JUSTICE in reply said that he thought it was a big job, and that Whitley would get along with it if they could only keep quiet. WHITLEY said that EDMOND was very nervous and would make a bad witness. Witness was sent several times to EDMOND to keep him quiet and have him tell his stories correctly. WHITLEY said that JUSTICE and EDMOND should have the "money," which would make a good big heap. Witness purchased cheap diamonds from Col. WHITLEY about three weeks after the arrest of RADCLIFFE. Five of these diamonds he now wore in his shirt-bosom; the other three were made into a ring. He paid $25 for the whole lot. He was told by a dealer that the diamonds that he got were worth $65 in gold. When he bought them, WHITLEY told him that they were some of RADCLIFFE'S diamonds, and that he had other diamonds in his possession. The counsel for the prisoner, addressing the Commissioner, said that RADCLIFFE told a falsehood when he said that the diamonds were returned. These unmounted diamonds were in every office in the building, except the District-Attorney's and Commissioner OSBORNE'S. BRATTY, upon being questioned by the Commissioner, said that Col. WHITLEY had had as many as fifty diamonds in his possession, and had sold fifteen or sixteen to BUTLER, NEWCOMB, MIDDLEHURST and BUTTS, all of them men in his employ. The diamonds were sold in February, about the time of the pending examination before the Commissioner.

Being cross-examined by District-Attorney MCKAY, the witness said that he had been discharged by Col. WHITLEY a short time ago, but did not know for what reason. He had received a notice stating that his services were no longer required. He never heard Col. WHITLEY say that he had diamonds in pawn.

In reply to Commissioner OSBORNE, witness said that his discharge was not blessed by any ill feeling. Col. WHITLEY told him that the diamonds were bought by him from Col. WHITLEY at the head-quarters in Bleecker-street. He was now a private detective, and had had a conversation with JUSTICE that day. Mr. MCKAY said that he would like to bring some witnesses to show how Col. WHITLEY came into possession of the diamonds. The examination was then adjourned until Thursday, the 18th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Woodhull-Claflin Entanglement—Spiritualism and Fortune-Telling Declared to be the Root of the Evil.

The examination into the charge of assault preferred by Mrs. ANNIE CLAFLIN against Col. BLOOD, *alias* Dr. Harvey, of the firm of WOODHULL, CLAFLIN & CO., the well-known female brokers of Broad-street, was resumed yesterday afternoon before Judge LEDWITH, at Essex Market Police Court. The Court was crowded with a larger assemblage than has ever been gathered within its walls. The audience was composed of about an equal representation of both sexes, who, in their eagerness to catch every word of the evidence, were frequently induced to forget the respect generally accorded to a presiding Magistrate in a Police Court, and, while some crowded around the Bench so as to impede the progress of witnesses, others stood upon the chairs, which helped to promote a scene of singular disorder and irregularity. This conduct necessitated the interference of the Police.

Mrs. WOODHULL and Miss TENNESSEE CLAFLIN were examined, and the testimony was calculated to completely set aside the charge of assault, and established the theory of an attempt at blackmailing, which the defense advance.

Mrs. WOODHULL testified: I am wife of the defendant, Col. BLOOD. I have been formerly married to Dr. WOODHULL, from whom I was divorced; I was married at the age of fifteen, and eleven years ago was divorced; since my return to New-York my mother has resided with us; my husband, Miss TENNIE CLAFLIN and myself compose the firm of WOODHULL, CLAFLIN & CO.; my husband's treatment of my mother was always of the kindest manner; I never knew him to utter an unkind word against her, except when she commenced to abuse him in regard to our firm; at this point I think she was insane on account of the influence of some outside parties; I never saw my husband use any violence toward her, and all statements to the contrary are untrue; I heard him on one occasion, when annoyed by my mother's very ill-natured remarks, tell her to leave the house, but he never used force her to leave his room, but he generally avoided her by leaving the house altogether. On cross-examination, Mrs. WOODHULL stated that previous to this point I think she was insane when influenced by Mrs. DR. SPEAR and family; her mother said Col. BLOOD was the best son-in-law she ever had, but immediately afterward she would return to her old system of abuse; she had never would have any influence over TENNESSEE until she returned to fortune-telling and clairvoyance, and the attainment of that purpose was the cause of the action.

Miss TENNIE CLAFLIN testified: I am the martyr-ess in the case; Col. BLOOD is the best son-in-law my mother ever had; if my husband submitted to the abuse he received from her, I would not live with him one day; I never saw the defendant to assault or threaten her, and have frequently seen him leave the house to avoid a collision with her; the real object of this prosecution is this: My mother is known as a Spiritualist, I am a Spiritualist, and have followed the business of fortune-teller and clairvoyant since I was eleven years old; I have left the degradation of a life which was almost lost, and because I will not return to it and leave my present position, I am persecuted; I have followed the business and have unbugged a great many rich people. VANDERBILT has been one of my patrons, and because I will not resume my clairvoyant power, which, my mother says, is God's power, she has instigated this attack on my character. Miss CLAFLIN exhibited considerable feeling, and on leaving the stand affectionately embraced her mother, for whose support she expressed her willingness to place $200 a month in the hands of the Court. Several witnesses were called in regard to the question of assault, and the Judge announced his intention of reserving his decision for a few days.

Municipal Affairs.

The Mayor's Message, together with the reports from all the City and County Departments, will be laid before the Common Council, at their first meeting, in June. Considerable astonishment and disgust are expressed by the various employes of the City and County Governments, at the action of the Board of Apportionment in cutting down all salaries of $2,000 and over, twenty per cent. Several protests are expected to be presented to the Board on this subject at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Tax Levy, as proposed by the Board of Apportionment, will be presented and confirmed.

BEFORE THE SURROGATE.

The Will of Geo. Peabody Admitted to Probate.

The will of the late GEO. PEABODY, of London, was admitted to probate yesterday by Hon. R. C. HUTCHINGS, Surrogate, on an exemplified copy of the will, and other proceedings taken in the Probate Court of Essex County, Mass. The proof was made for use in certain suits pending in Courts of this State in favor of deceased. The motion in the matter yesterday was made by CHAS. A. PEABODY, Esq., counsel for executors, and letters testamentary were ordered to be issued to GEO. PEABODY RUSSELL, now of this City, ROBERT SINGLETON PEABODY, of Portland, Me., and to OTHAL W. CHANDLER, of Zanesville, Ohio.

The McCahill Will Case.

In the matter of the contested will of BRYAN MCCAHILL, deceased, before Surrogate HUTCHINGS, the examination of THOMAS J. MCCAHILL, which was commenced at the previous hearing, was yesterday concluded. In the direct evidence the witness testified that he first saw the will offered for probate the day after its execution, and that no codicil was then attached. It was added afterward, he said. At the time of the execution, witness thought the testator of perfectly sound mind. Other facts about the last illness of deceased, and the will, of no special interest, were also detailed. Upon the cross-examination, witness testified in substance as follows:

I am thirty-two years old; not married; graduated from college when I was nineteen; admitted to the bar in 1861; desire to see the will of my uncle carried out; don't want to see him alive or dead; I am worth $200,000; don't care a fig how this case is decided; have no interest in the contest ended, but I want to see the will sustained, because people are trying to prove BRYAN MCCAHILL a habitual drunkard, and to throw dirt at him; he was not a temperate man, but often went without liquor for several months at a time; liquor acted on him to a greater degree toward the end of his days; have borrowed money of testator; always paid him a bonus or cream per cent. interest; could have borrowed the money of others; did not inherit my money nor make it all at law; I did my uncle's law business; when he talked to me about a will I was not in a legal way; I always urged greater liberality toward my widow; I told deceased once if he did not leave Mrs. MCCAHILL more money that I should bring a lawsuit after his death for her dower, as she had always been kind to me; BRYAN MCCAHILL was a suspicious man; I could not influence him, nor could others.

The remainder of the evidence was concerning the provisions of the will, the interlineations, handwriting, and other particulars, and when concluded the case was adjourned until Monday next at 11½ A. M.

The Kay Will Case.

A brief hearing in the Catherine Fay contested will case took place yesterday morning before the Surrogate, and one witness, PHILIP CLEARY, a livery stable keeper, where Mrs. FAY hired carriages, was examined. He testified that Mrs. FAY was of sound mind, always paid him regularly, and manifested no peculiarities except in her dress. Case adjourned until to-day.

The "Lookup Evans" Case—Judge Bedford's Cure for Lunacy.

The trial of the notorious "Dr." LOOKUP EVANS was continued yesterday before Judge BEDFORD, at the Court of General Sessions. Mrs. MARY DICKERSON, his housekeeper for many years, was cross-examined at great length by District-Attorney SULLIVAN. Messrs. SPENCER and HOW, the counsel for the defense, strenuously objected to the detailed method of this examination. The Court decided that, inasmuch as the defense had invited—and almost dared—the prosecution to prove that the accused had ever procured an abortion, there should now be no interruption, but the truth should be adduced if it occupied a month. Mrs. DICKERSON'S testimony related to the affairs of the house as well as to the medical treatment of the inmates, who, it seems, were huddled together in one room, the beds being very close together. The details of the "Doctor's" professional operations are unfit for publication. She said that there had never been a death there.

PETER B. WALSH, the "Doctor's" general utility man, testified that he put up the medicines, but he was not an apothecary.

"Dr." LOOKUP EVANS was examined. He was arrayed in a full new suit of clothes, including a silk hat, kid gloves and a scarlet neck-tie. He appeared to be in an agony of nervousness and fear. He denied that he ever used drugs, and declared that his pills were composed of corn meal, soft soap and flour, colored with red ink. He then became very much excited, and in a boisterous manner delivered an incomprehensible jargon of religion, medicine, domestic economy and other things, and enumerated the number of volumes with ridiculous titles, as well as names connected with them. He said, "I am a self-made writer." He said, "It is true that I have gone under several different names; but I will tell you the reason why. I graduated under the born name of "LOOKUP," and everybody laughed at it; I have two diplomas under that name, but I lost them in traveling over the world."

Here he became quite furious as an amateur lunatic, and Judge BEDFORD checked him with the declaration that if he did not behave better he would send him to jail for contempt of Court. This restored the witness' mental equilibrium. He then declared: "I was arrested by the Coroner under the name of Powers; it is an attempt to blackmail me by Dr. SMITH; he told me that if I would give him $1,000 it would be all right; I was also told that for $10,000 this prosecution would not be pressed against me; I don't like to mention names."

Judge BEDFORD demanded the name of the man who said that the Court could be influenced by $10,000. The witness answered that WILLIAM BLODGEGOD told him that. A subpœna was promptly issued for this last mentioned individual, who will be examined today.

A Revolution in Police Management—The President and Superintendent Clothed with Autocratic Powers.

Yesterday the Board of Police departed from the time-honored custom by which the Department has been governed, by making that radical change in the control of the force which the TIMES stated when MAYOR HALL first appeared in the Board would shortly occur. Always heretofore, except during a brief period when Mr. ACTON was practically the sole Commissioner, because of the absence of Gen. BOWEN in the field, and the sickness of Mr. BERGEN, the Board has retained the power of detailing and assigning to special duty, and the theory has always been that this prerogative was too absolute to be intrusted to any one person without jeopardy to the public interests and the efficiency of the force.

Mr. HENRY SMITH, one of the two Republican members, having been elected President of the Board, which, with the three Democratic members by the secession of Mayor HALL, yesterday received a further proof of the confidence of his political opponents by the revocation of Rule No. 66, and the adoption of the following amendment:

The Board or Police shall make all appointments to office in the Police Department, and all assignments to duty and transfers and detailments shall be made by the President of the Board, and all orders relating to the management of the force or relative duty issued by officers and members from duty, shall be issued by the joint action of the President and Superintendent.

It is provided further the President shall keep a book in which all transfers and assignments shall be entered and that this book shall be open to the public. It is understood that while in form the transfer power is lodged in the President, in practice it will be exercised by Superintendent KELSO.

Long Island Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention.

The fourth annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn. The attendance of clergy and laymen was large. The exercises during the morning were entirely of a religious character. Rev. R. T. PEARSON, of Rockaway, preached the sermon, which was throughout of a doctrinal character. At the close the communion service was administered. In the afternoon, the Secretary, Rev. Dr. BROWN, called the roll, and found that of the seventy-seven clergymen attached to the diocese fifty-four were present, representing thirty-eight parishes. Bishop LITTLEJOHN, who presided, then announced the following standing committees:

On the Incorporation and Admission of Members—Rev. Daniel V. M. Johnson, D. D., N. B. Morgan, Thos. Messenger.

On the Diocesan Fund—Rev. Jacob W. Diller, D. D., Rev. Jas. Brewer, Augustus E. Masters, Charles A. Townsend, Alex. V. Blake.

On Treasurer's Report—Mr. Samuel L. Husted, Wm. Nicoll, Jonathan Jones.

On the General Theological Seminary—Rev. T. Stafford Drowne, D. D., Rev. Thos. Mullaby, Mr. Henry B. Pierrepont, Mr. John A. King and Mr. Wm. Mulligan.

On Canons—Rev. Charles H. Hall, D. D., Rev. Robert T. Pearson, Rev. Edward Jessup, Hon. D. R. Floyd Jones, J. W. Gilbert and Hon. John W. Hunter.

Bishop LITTLEJOHN read his annual address, setting forth that the Church was generally in a prosperous condition. The Convention meets again at 10 A. M. today.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

THE COMMISSION OF APPEALS.
At the New Court-House, City of New-York.

Nos. 125—Wilson vs. Blodgett.
126—Kerr vs. Blodgett.
135—James vs. Gurley.
136—Donley vs. Graham.
137—Downing vs. Kelly, Sheriff, &c.
218—Hicks vs. Cleveland.
219—Doucette vs. Clark.
194—Hinneman vs. The Grand Trunk Railway Co.
197—The People ex rel. Buffalo and State Line Railroad Co. vs. Barker.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.
Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.
Issues of Law and Fact.

Nos.
195—Hopper vs. Neusbaum.
26—Duncan vs. Butler.
145—Baker vs. Morey.
147—McGuire vs. Trainor.
146—Hasting vs. Stevenson.
153—Friedberger vs. Balch.
156—Jones vs. Bauer.
157—Siegel vs. Schmall.
158—Baker vs. Myers.
101—Hart vs. Wolf.
101½—Hart vs. Wolf.
69—Evans vs. O'Brien.
87—Dock ex rel. vs. Campbell.
114—King vs. Knapp.
115—Phelps vs. Flint.
96—Dowling vs. Griffin.
41—Schlosser vs. Schlosser.
82—Bronson vs. Behrens.
87—Mullen vs. Decker.
16—Newhall vs. Decker.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.
Part II.—Held by Brady, J.
Adjourned until May 22.

SUPRE

A SUBSTANCE SUITING FOR CASHMERE.

William Bisbee vs. Phillip Kuhlmann.—This was an action to recover damages for the illegal taking and detention of cigars, &c. It appeared by the testimony in the case that the plaintiff kept a cigar store in the Bowery. At the same time he had engaged in connection with cotton speculations down town, while a young man was in charge of the cigar store. Being indebted to defendant, and not able to meet the amount, as the cigars for nearly a week, defendant, to secure that debt, took the cigars there to store for him (defendant), over 2,000 cigars, which he removed away. Plaintiff, on going to his store and discovering the cause of affairs, forbidden his cigars, and brought this suit, not only for the said trouble incident to the proceeding, but also for the injury to his business, and the libel on his business integrity.

Judge Cozzens, in his charge, directed the jury that they had a right to estimate in their estimate of damages the libel on the credit of plaintiff, and the injury to that libel as matter of record in the Court, by testimony in relation thereto. Verdict for plaintiff for $500.

Hiram Cook for plaintiff; Goepp and Stern for defendant.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—May 16.

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The New York Times.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC
14th-st. corner Irving-pl.
FAUST. (Italian opera.) Leading characters by Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, Miss Laura Hinsdale, Messrs. Villani, Orlandini, and Gariboldi.

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Broadway, corner 13th-st.
RANDALL'S THUMB. Leading characters by Messrs. John Gilbert, Fisher, Maclvor, Mrs. Clara Jennings, and Miss Rose Gorman.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Montague-st., near Court-st.
THE LIAR. Characters by Mr. Lester Wallack and company.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st. and 6th-av.
A WINTER'S TALE. Leading characters by Misses Lawrence Smith, Mark Smith, Sheridan, and Mrs. Mackinhasset and Miss Fateman.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
KIT, OR, THE ARKANSAS TRAVELLER. Leading characters by Mr. F. S. Chanfrau and Miss Rose Eytinge.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st. near Broadway.
NOT SUCH A FOOL AS HE LOOKS. Leading characters by Messrs. Charles Mathews, Davidge, De Vere, Miss Linda Dietz and Miss Fanny Morant.

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Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Parisian insurgents claim to have repulsed several attacks by the Versailles forces, on Monday night, at Chatillon and other points. They also claim the advantage in a vigorous engagement in the evening, extending from Porte Dauphine to the Maillot Gate. It was reported that the Communists had evacuated Fort Montrouge. The Versailles accounts simply report an uninterrupted cannonade of the walls of Paris. The fall of the column on the Place Vendome was expected yesterday, but the majestic structure still defies the ingenuity of the engineers, and the immense crowd attracted to place were disappointed. Gen. CLUSERET and M. MEGY have been released. An armistice has been arranged for to-day, to enable the inhabitants of Vanvres and its neighborhood to move. The Germans are concentrating their forces toward Paris. The western and south-western arrondissements of Paris are uninhabitable. The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Battalion of the National Guard has refused to march outside of Paris. A motion declaring the Republic permanent was referred, in the Assembly yesterday, to a committee, while a motion for the rebuilding of M. THIERS' residence in Paris at the public cost was voted to be urgent. M. GREVY has been re-elected President of the Assembly.... In the British House of Commons, yesterday, a motion declaring the inexpediency of continuing the Force bill for Ireland, operative after the original limitation, was discussed. Miss BURDETT COUTTS has accepted a peerage.... The German Parliament has forbidden the raising of loans by means of lotteries.

GENERAL.

The weather proved fine at Hartford, Conn., for the inauguration ceremonies yesterday, and the military display was quite imposing. The streets were thronged with thousands of people to witness the parade. Gov. CLAFLIN and staff, of Massachusetts, Gov. PERHAM and staff, of Maine, and Gov. FAIRCHILD, of Wisconsin, rode in the procession, escorted by a body of mounted Connecticut officers, commanded by Gen. HAWLEY. The Legislature assembled at 2½ o'clock. Gov. JEWELL took the oath of office and read his inaugural message.

A young lady, unknown, aged eighteen, very well dressed, and wearing a diamond engagement ring, committed *suicide* yesterday by throwing herself into the pond in Llewellyn Park, at Orange. From papers found on the body her name is believed to be GARDNER. She was seen to do the act and could have been rescued, but refused assistance.

At a meeting of the men of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, at Pittston, Penn., yesterday, it was resolved, by an overwhelming majority, to accept the Company's offer, and they are to resume work immediately.

MESSRS. JOHNSTON & CO.'S rectifying establishment in Cincinnati was burned on Monday night, causing a loss estimated at $200,000.

Advices from Manitoba, Canada, to April 20, state that resolutions for an investigation into the outbreak of 1869-70, and to punish the murderers of SCOTT, and compensate losers by the disturbances, were lost by 14 to 5.

In the United States Senate, yesterday, a resolution was agreed to requesting the President to communicate copies of all correspondence in the State Department in relation to the ship *Hudson* and schooner *Washington*, property of citizens of Connecticut, seized by the British authorities in the Falkland Islands in 1854. The Senate then went into executive session, and spent the day over the case of commissioner PORTER of the treaty, and warrants were issued for the arrest of the witnesses who refuse to divulge the source from which they obtained the news.

Gen. SHERIDAN arrived at Washington yesterday morning, and in the course of the day paid his respects to the President and Secretary of War.

The Grand Lodge of the Order of Odd-fellows for the State of Missouri, met in annual session in St. Louis yesterday.

At a special meeting at Boston, Mass., of the stockholders of the Connecticut River Railroad Co., yesterday, it was resolved to lease the Mount Tom and East Hampton Railroad and guarantee $180,000 to stock and bonds.

We are indebted to the purser of the Havana steam-ship *Victor* for courtesies.

President Grant and the New Election.

Our contemporary, the *Tribune*, has often said that it is as yet too early to discuss the probable candidates for the Presidency, in the election of next year; but it keeps up a sort of indirect or left-handed discussion of the subject, and certainly does not conceal (as it implied a few days ago) its hostility to Gen. GRANT. Yesterday it had the following comments, in one of the most important columns of its issue—that headed "Political":

"DORR PLATT writes to the *Cincinnati Commercial*, from Washington, several columns of speculations about the succession to the Presidency in 1872, the gist of which is as follows: 'The newspapers and politicians are opposed to GRANT, but the people are with him.' If the Colonel had reversed his proposition it would have been at least as accurate."

"A manifesto has been issued from the office of the Rochester *Democrat & Chronicle*, setting forth that the one thing necessary to Republican success next Fall is 'harmonious and effective concert of action,' 'unity of action between our Senators,' &c. The force of this document would be greater did not its writer so strongly insist that the Republicans ought to reelect Senator CONKLING, and renominate Gen. GRANT."

Although short and unobtrusive, these remarks are quite plain enough to be understood, and doubtless they were intended to be so. To us it appears that they are not conceived in a fair spirit. Take the first paragraph. It conveys the opinion that the President is strong with the "politicians and newspapers," but not with the people. What is there to support this view? The people have lately had no opportunity of making known their opinions. It was thought that the election in New-Hampshire was a sign of Gen. GRANT's unpopularity, but, if so, the subsequent election in Connecticut may be regarded as a sign the other way. If these "signs" are of any value at all, one is a complete set-off to the other. Most people appear to think that since the President's frank and sensible message on the San Domingo affair, he has decidedly gained ground in the estimation of the country. Most certainly he has done nothing to provoke fresh animosity. His experience in public affairs is daily becoming more useful to him, and if he was fit for office in 1869—and the people decided in '68 that he was—he is much more fit now. If the election were to take place at this moment, it would be very hard to find a man to whom all sections of the Republican Party would be more disposed to render support. Of course there is a dissatisfied class—when was there not? But considering the activity and malevolence of President GRANT's enemies, and the endless variety of slanders they have put into circulation concerning him; considering, also, the unfathomable treachery of the Tammany Republicans in this City and State, who are also doing everything in their power to poison the public mind against the President—it must be admitted that he stands exceedingly well with the people, and that his character has passed through a severe ordeal much better than would have been the case with ninety-nine men out of a hundred. If we always get a President who passes through the fire of reckless calumny as well as Gen. GRANT, and who continues to do his duty as faithfully, we shall not have much reason to complain.

With regard to the *Tribune's* sneer at Senator CONKLING, we may in common fairness ask, what has been that gentleman's crime? We believe his sole offense to be this—he has steadfastly set his face against the Republicans who are in the pay or under the influence of Tammany Hall—the Henry Smiths, and Manierres, and Tousseys, and all the rest of them who are practically betraying the Republican Party into the hands of the Democrats. The heads of the Democracy here know who are their friends, and they reward them according to their deserts. Where the favors of the "Ring" are given, services are exacted and received. But Senator CONKLING's opposition to the Tammany Republicans is no offense in the sight of the people of the State. They rather like him for it. It is one ground upon which he would at any time be entitled to appeal to them for continued support. His course will be more approved the more the close relationship of the Tammany Republicans with the Tammany Democrats comes to be appreciated, and the more the mischievous effects of that wicked connection develop themselves. When Senator CONKLING is attacked, it is only reasonable to ask that it should not be by mere general insinuations, but upon some specific ground. If the charges against him are sifted down, they will be found to proceed chiefly from Tammany Republicans, or their allies, or some disappointed politicians. Out of such an attack as this any honest man will come forth the conqueror.

The people must see from more signs than one that the Democrats of this State, who have now enormous sums of money, and the influence of great railroads and other corporations at their disposal, are setting steadily to work to destroy Gen. GRANT, for the obvious purpose of insuring their own victory. They say, "Don't discuss the chances of the next Presidency yet awhile"—while discussing it themselves all the time. The Tammany gang, and all their friends, are bringing their forces to bear energetically upon the President. Thus the New-York *Herald*, which is the chief organ of the Democrats, goes to work in its usual hare-brained style to advocate Gen. SHERMAN as the next candidate. We can all imagine what the feelings of a man like Gen. SHERMAN must be at receiving the nomination from such a quarter. To be sure, the *Herald* is only the weather-cock of the hour, but a weather-cock shows which way the wind is blowing; and the *Herald* reveals plainly enough the designs of its friends, the Democrats. That design is simply to bring about Gen. GRANT's overthrow, because he is today the strongest man on the Republican side—and when that is done, few tears would the *Herald* drop over the political grave of Gen. SHERMAN, or any other puppet which it set up. We make no attempt to decide who shall be the Republican candidate in 1872. We merely ask the people to watch closely the tactics of the Democracy, to remember history, and to beware how they suffer themselves to be drawn into the Democratic net. Let us stick faithfully by such leaders as we have. It is all very fine to ask us to "throw over" Gen. GRANT. First of all tell us what sort of man you are going to give us in place of him? Is it to be a Republican who will do the bidding of the Democrats, or a Democrat who will begin by confronting the country to the verge of civil war, and probably end by plunging it into the horrors of that unmeasurable calamity?

Can the German-Americans be Gained to the Right Side?

Our remarks on the unfortunate position of the German-Americans in New-York City, in the long struggle begun by honest men with municipal corruption, have had the effect we desired. They have called forth from the Press in every portion of the country inquiries and thoughtful consideration as to the reasons of the New-York Germans being separated from the party to which they naturally belong, and to which their compatriots in other States usually tend. That the subject is of immense importance, both to the general welfare, and to the success of the Republican Party, all will admit. The recent investigation of the census shows an even greater population of German-Americans in this City than has been supposed. A certain district alone, on the east side, is credibly reported to contain 227,000 persons of German birth or descent. Beyond this quarter, in other Wards, in the outskirts of the City, and in Brooklyn and Williamsburg, must be as many thousands more. It is a not extravagant estimate that fifty thousand votes are cast by this nationality in every municipal and general election in this City and suburbs alone.

These votes are sufficient, if cast on the right side, to take the control of New-York utterly from the sharpers and demagogues who disgrace it; to inaugurate an entirely new and reformed City Government; to redeem the State Legislature and officials, and bring them on the Republican side. It is not too much to say, that in a close Presidential election they might decide the character of the National Government. Those who are struggling through much discouragement to bring about a more honest state of affairs in our City administration, feel that they have nothing to expect from the Irish Catholic masses. These men have, from the time of their first emigration, been the tools of cunning demagogues and Democratic politicians. The priests and the Ring-jobbers hands in hoodwinking and leading this ignorant crowd. They are bound now to the Democratic Party by association, by innumerable offices, and by priestly influence. They will never break from the control of the Democratic organization.

With the Germans, however, this is all reversed. The German Catholic is not under the control of his priest, and if he be, the priest may be of the school of Dr. DOLLINGER, and belong to the American Liberal Party. The Germans are tied by few offices to any party; they are not led by American or Irish demagogues; they are an honest, intelligent, respectable, hard-working folk, who are temporarily separated by certain prejudices (of a social sort) from the political organization which would best suit them. Their sympathies are all with the old Anti-Slavery and Republican Party of this country, and directly opposed to the reactionary and merely office-seeking faction who call themselves the "Democracy."

The *World* fancies that it can beguile its German readers by repeating some of its well-used phrases, which had such remarkable effect during the war with the rebellion. Then, as now, it warned the people against "the tyrant in the Presidential chair;" against "centralization terminating in despotism;" against "interfering with the sacred rights" of Southern citizens—and then, as now, it protested with ponderous and Johnsonian eloquence that this Government was being perverted into a "centralized despotism." We all know the effect of these warnings then on our German fellow-citizens. We may remember that they were among the first in arms against the rebellion, and that their principal orators were the earliest in advocating emancipation, and vigorous "centralized" measures. Their votes again swelled the tide which carried in Mr. LINCOLN a second time, and which afterward brought Gen. GRANT to the Presidential chair. When the *World* gives the German-Americans the cry of "States Rights" now, it happily forgets that the watchword of the Liberals in Germany is a "United Federal Government," with strong powers, and that the "Reaction" have inscribed on their banners "States Rights" and the independence of local communities. No people have felt the evils of local independence, and of the constant oppressions of small States, like the Germans. They have more fear of extreme individualization or separation of community than of an overweening Federal Power.

They see in this country that a terrible civil war like ours, and a grand act of national emancipation, necessarily involve some abnormal and semi-military measures, for the sake of preserving the peace of the country, and protecting the freed slaves. It is not the Kuklux bill which has separated the New-York Germans from the Republican Party, but far other matters, not so important, perhaps, but which possess great weight in the view of Germans. Those we have already discussed, and we do not despair that the causes of disagreement can be removed.

Out of Their Own Mouths!

One of the most striking facts connected with the present Government in New-York is the complete contradiction it presents to what is universally recognized as republican government. Of course, everybody understands that the basis of republican government is the will of the people, and that the machinery of administration has for its sole object the making of that will at once efficient and direct—the Legislature to declare, the Judiciary to interpret and harmonize, and the Executive to carry out this will, while the Press modifies, corrects, supports the remainder. These are the essentials without which any republican Government is a delusion and a snare. New-York, at present, affords the astonishing example of a Government in which the Legislature is the ashamed instrument of corrupt conspirators, the Executive the recognized puppet of the same body, and a portion of the Judiciary is in league with them, while all combine to muzzle the Press, whenever it grows efficient in exposing their crimes to the indignation of the community. That this is not too highly-drawn a picture, we have the emphatic testimony of a journal of unquestioned fidelity to the most extreme views of the party that has brought it about. It would seem that every intelligent mind, if its thoughts be frankly expressed, becomes, the moment it is brought into direct observation of the working of the Ring's management, an involuntary witness to its character. The New-York *Freeman's Journal*, the edition of which vouched for his sincerity during the war by suffering imprisonment for the expression of views favorable to the defeat of the Union armies, having occasion, in its last number, to comment on some of our local institutions, says plainly:

"The present time is one in which civil communities are living 'from hand to mouth.' We are beggared, as to high political principles. It is perfectly proper to theorize on them, and to show the necessity of reviving them, except we anticipate being spilled out 'as hee is hee,' from one misery into another, and at last to drain the most bitter dregs of the cup of political mismanagement.

"But, at this present, looking at things *practically*, there does not exist among us any such thing as a *Republic*—a '*Res Publica*.'"

That is the exact state of the case in the City of New-York. While Mr. TWEED, clothed with imperial powers, holds a lien on the real and personal property of the City limited only by his rapacity; while Mr. SWEENY maintains his mysterious supremacy behind the throne; while Mr. HALL sits in the Board of Police, whose business it is to see that protection of person and property is afforded only when and as it may seem best to them, and while the accounts of the City—that is, the accounts of what is done with the money of every reader of these lines—are as inaccessible as the Sibylline books, if indeed the tricky CONNOLLY has not gone beyond the old woman of Cumæ, and thrown all the precious volumes into the fire,—while these things are true, and are known to be true, and are passively submitted to, there is not among us such a thing as a Republic. We have been used to thinking that usurpers overthrew the liberties of the people in order to grasp dictatorial powers; but our Tammany owners need not resort to so violent and unseemly a course. They leave the liberties to flourish, and steal the fruit. They permit the people to vote, and appropriate the offices without regard to the result. If hard pressed, they select some elected officer, like Mayor HALL, and clothe him with the power of perpetuating the privileges necessary to their schemes. They allow injured parties free access to the Courts, and only contrive that the Courts shall be willing and able to sanction their own ends. They even treat the community to elaborate spectacles of simulated public virtue, as when they clothed their meanest act of plundering with the title of an act to limit the taxes in the City of New-York. But over all this the varnish is so thin, the wickedness and rottenness show through so plainly, that it is not to be wondered at that the *Freeman's Journal*, looking at the general result of this mass of deception and fraud, exclaims savagely, "there does not exist among us any such thing as a republic!"

It seems that things have not been getting any better since a year or more ago, when Hon. THOMAS JEFFERSON CHEARSLEY, who was then engaged with the New-York *World* in trying to break down Tammany, exclaimed from his place in the Senate:

"What is the use for us to sit here creating corporations, chartering, and passing bills day after day, to reform the various departments of our Government, when the very foundation-stone of a republican Government is rotten to the core! What a farce it is for us to sit here and legislate, as representatives in a republican Government, when the election system upon which such a government rests has been undermined, and is as corrupt as hell!"

According to Mr. CREAMER, a Democratic Senator, the foundation of republican government has, under the Tammany rule, been undermined. According to the *Freeman's Journal*, a Democratic paper, under the same rule the superstructure has disappeared.

A Treasure of the Sea.

A vessel will sail from New-York in a few days, bound upon a romantic and highly-interesting expedition. Its object will be to pluck, not "bright honor from the pale-faced moon," but golden guineas and doubloons and other treasure that for two generations have been quietly lying at the bottom of the sea. How this wealth came there may be briefly told. It was loaded on board the flag-ship of a Spanish Armada. Like the other Spanish Armada that once threatened Albion, it came to grief. In February, 1815, there sailed from Cadiz a fleet of one hundred sail, which was destined to give a death-blow to the young and audacious South American Republics. The flag-ship, the *San Pedro de Alcantara* carried, besides the Admiral, the Paymaster of the forces, and gold and silver coin to the amount of $3,000,000. After arriving at Puerto Santo, June 15, and fighting a number of unsuccessful engagements for the troops of FERDINAND VII. were opposed by those of BOLIVAR and other fiery patriots—Gen. MORILLO determined to abandon the attempt to subjugate Venezuela and her sister republics, and to return with his troops to Spain. Before sailing, he issued a proclamation inviting royalists who wished to go back to Europe to take quarters on the flag-ship. Hundreds, it is said, accepted, and for a fortnight the boats of the squadron were busied in taking treasure and passengers to the *San Pedro de Alcantara*. Convents and churches were despoiled of their jewels, plate, and other riches—the pearl fisheries of Magdalena having largely swelled the amount—until, on the eve of departure, the value of many millions of dollars was added to the already precious freight of the flag-ship. On the morning of the day appointed for weighing anchor, the vessel then lying in Cumana Bay, three and a half miles from the island of Coche, a terrible accident happened. A fire broke out in the spirit-room, and, feeding on highly-inflammable material, spread with fearful rapidity. The seventy-four guns of the huge craft were all loaded and shotted, so that the others of the fleet either dared not, or were forbidden to come to the rescue. In the mad rush and confusion, an awful blunder was committed. The after magazine was not flooded; and while the crew were battling desperately with the flames, that magazine exploded. The ship's stern was torn completely off, a thousand souls were hurled into eternity, and down went the *San Pedro de Alcantara* in ten fathoms of water.

There she has remained ever since. Various attempts have been made to regain the treasure, with but partial and limited success. The lowest estimate of the value of indestructible wealth lying there under the purple tide of the Caribbean Sea is five millions of dollars; the highest estimate of the value of what has been fished up is but three hundred thousand. This has mainly consisted of silver dollars, and not a single gold piece has yet been recovered. The Spanish Government abandoned the ship, and the Government of Venezuela, in 1821, bestowed the right of search and reclamation upon PEDRO ORRIGON, a native banker and patriot, who had aided the revolution. Records and documents in Madrid and in Caracas attest to the prodigious worth of the submerged treasure, and ORRIGON anticipated splendid results from his privilege. He was, nevertheless, constrained to let it at various times to different companies for a royalty of one-quarter of what they should obtain. First, a French company tried and failed. They had indifferent apparatus, and the Superintendent in charge finally went mad. In 1862, ORRIGON made a contract with a party of speculators in Boston. They managed to get up some $40,000, but their submarine armor was bad, they could not get inside the ship, and they, too, gave up in despair. In 1869 ORRIGON died, and his privilege reverted to the Venezuelan Government. They permitted Capt. TOWER, of Cohasset, Mass., to make an experiment, which he did with very rude machinery, and in three months hooked up some $14,000. Two other attempts, one by a New-York sea Captain, and another by two California miners, complete the record of the various enterprises for wresting the wealth of the *San Pedro de Alcantara* from the rapacious maw of the sea.

The new expedition is undertaken by the "American Submarine Company," of which Gen. BURNSIDE is President. A gentleman reputed to be the most experienced submarine diver in the United States, Mr. GEORGE W. FULLER, is Superintendent. The vessel allnded to, the *Nellie Gay*, is provided with apparatus of the most approved character, and such, it is believed, as will thoroughly fulfill the desired objects. It is supposed that the vessel will arrive in Cumana Bay about the middle of July. She will then be anchored immediately over the *San Pedro*, and operations will begin. The hull of the sunken ship is to be torn to pieces and raised, failing other means of reaching the treasure, and a dredging-machine will be set at work to gather the scattered coin. Great things are expected from the use of a patented submarine lantern, which is intended to obviate one grave difficulty experienced by divers. Seven stationary engines, for hoisting, driving down air, &c., form part of the equipment, and no expedient will be neglected to assure success. The assumption is that the existence of the treasure is an established fact, and that its recovery is merely a question of time, money, and perseverance. Few commercial speculations have borne so romantic an aspect, and, for the interest of science as well as for the reward of the bold adventurers who have engaged in the enterprise, we shall be glad to hear that it has been crowned with ample success.

Prof. Dwight on the Amended Code.

The authors of the proposed amendments to the Code loaded their gun too heavily, and are in danger of being crushed by the recoil. Many, if not all, the amendments were intended to apply to the City of New-York, and to operate for the benefit of the Erie Railroad. This intention is apparent on the face of the bill. It is just possible that general attention might not have been attracted to these amendments, had the provision with reference to contempts been left out. Criminals are always cowardly, and the authors of the amendments, fearing the castigation of the Press, when the full magnitude of the wrong done to litigants in the first judicial district and the stockholders of the Erie Road should be known, contrived the section with reference to contempts. As the great powers intrusted to Judges under this provision become better understood, they are universally protested against by the people and the Bar. We publish, this morning, the very learned and able argument which Prof. DWIGHT prepared to read before the Governor, as one of the Committee of the Bar Association. It was not read, because the Professor was prevented from going to Albany with the Committee. The argument is confined wholly to common law contempts, and can be read with profit, not only by lawyers, but all classes of citizens. The reading of it will show how monstrous an outrage is attempted on the liberties of the people by this proposed amendment to the Code.

Sneaking efforts have been made to defend the provision with regard to contempts, and laws have been garbled and misquoted to show that no greater powers are demanded for the State than are possessed by the United States Courts. The revisers of the statutes, well acquainted with the outrages which had been committed by the English and Colonial Courts, under the disguise of punishment for contempts, wisely defined criminal contempts, and limited the punishment of them. The definition and limitation were made as the revisers explain, not with a design of taking from the Courts any powers necessary to maintain their dignity, but for the protection of citizens. The best protection of any Court against libel is the purity of its Judges. An upright and honest Judge fears neither the criticism of the Press nor the people.

The proceedings for the punishment of contempts at common law were of the most summary character. On appeal, the correctness of the proceeding and the sentence were only reviewed, it being uniformly held that the decision of the Judge or Court offended was final as to whether a contempt had been committed. Judges are no purer now than in the times when the common law power to punish contempts was abused by the English and Colonial Courts. In the British colonies, this day has not yet passed. Prof. DWIGHT quotes a case as late as 1809, in which the Privy Council held that there was no power to review the decision of a Colonial Judge in a case of contempt, but said that a power which was so capable of abuse should be abridged. The Courts being the sole judges of the offense, the most innocent words may be so ingeniously twisted as to be a contempt. No speaker or writer would know where a contempt had been committed and approbation might be as severely punished as disparagement. Should this provision become law, the person committing a contempt would not have as many privileges on his trial as a murderer. The murderer has the right to a trial by a jury of twelve men, almost of his own selection, who must be without bias. We have now an example in this City, in which two days have been exhausted in obtaining seven jurors, for the trial of the murderer of a peaceful citizen. Yet in the case of a spoken or written contempt, the unfortunate speaker or writer might be condemned to imprisonment for life and the forfeiture of all his property. The revisers of the statutes thought argument unnecessary to prove the justness of the statutory provisions with reference to contempts. In a note they say "It cannot be necessary at this day to urge any reason for substituting trial by jury in all possible cases, instead of trial by an offended tribunal." When this note was written, Judges had not become so corrupt as to fear criticism. The City and State of New-York were not under the control of a powerful and unscrupulous "Ring," and the liberties of the people were respected. If the note had to be written today, it would be found necessary to urge strong reasons why the trial by jury should not be abridged.

MINOR TOPICS.

In the letter of our special correspondent with reference to the inauguration of Gov. JEWELL in Hartford, yesterday, will be found a very suggestive hint to the Democracy in Connecticut and elsewhere. The party managers made a fatal blunder when they assumed that Connecticut was ripe enough for the introduction of Tammany tactics to warrant their taking advantage of a most palpable error on the returns. Honest men of every shade of opinion have been unanimous in their condemnation of this most unprincipled move, and, as will be noted, sent of more than five hundred letters which have been sent to Gov. JEWELL in approbation of the exposure of the fraud, fully one-third have been written by Democrats who voted for ENGLISH. Symptoms such as this, encourage the belief that the Democracy of Connecticut is not yet, as a whole, so totally demoralized as to drag the reputation of a great party in the dirt for the sake of power; and should, as is likely enough, the unscrupulous section eventually prove the more powerful, they will find at next election the Republican ranks reinforced by sundry unlooked-for additions.

The wonderful resolution passed recently by the Tammany Republican General Committee, in this City, has attracted attention in Canada. The Hamilton *Evening Times* quotes it, and says: "We have seen some strange resolutions passed in Canada, but we do not remember to have seen any one which would compare with the above." No, nor anybody else. Although we have given it before, we cannot produce such a gem too often. It gives a very fair idea of the intellectual "forces" of the Committee in question, leaving out its Chairman, who was not present when the resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the recent deposition of the United States Senate of CHARLES SUMNER, of Massachusetts, from Senatorial dignities, defines to the American eye, with startling distinctness, the outlines of this tragic tableau. It is the 12th day of May, 1871. The curtain rises upon a Senate Chamber, a seated Senator, and a standing Ape. The 10th day of March, 1871, has passed. Again the Senate Chamber, the seated Senator, and a blow. Fifteen years have passed. The Senate House and the man the same. See you who saw the deed, all else unchanged, how falls the blow of slavery, then a breach the blow aped by vicarious vengeance now!

The language bears about the same relation to decent English as the notice which the hotel keeper at Pompeii put forward, in the following words: "Being situated at proximity of that regenerative, it will be propitious to receive families, whatever, which will desire to reside alternatively in that town, to visit the monuments new found, and to breathe thither the salubrity of the air."

It is bad enough to have to tolerate the inalienable right of every rough to carry a pistol, but when the privilege of bearing arms is abused to the extent of carrying air-pistols, which can, so readily, become the instruments of secret assassination, it is time that some intelligible reading of the law affecting concealed weapons should be promulgated. The recent cases of murderous attempts through the silent agency of these weapons are very numerous. Even a Police Inspector, sitting in his office at the Police Head-quarters, was lately placed in serious jeopardy from one of the air-pistol bullets. In no single case have the Police as yet been able to discover the cowardly ruffians who make so frequent use of air-pistols, and the fact is either a very strong proof of the impunity of the criminals, or little creditable to the vigilance of the Police.

The new rules for the admission of attorneys and counselors-at-law practicing in the Courts of this State represent a step in the right direction. Previous to the last Constitution and the adoption of the Code, a number of years of study were required before a candidate was eligible to admission, and the examinations were, in most instances, very rigid. When the Code was adopted, old lawyers were dismissed, pronounced it a mass of crudities, and admitted all candidates with the least possible show of an examination. By this means a number of persons without either character or legal attainments gained admission to the Bar, and the whole profession has had to bear the odium. The evil, like others, is working its own cure; but it will take years to bring the Bar of the State of New-York back to the high position which it once occupied. The new rules insist upon three years of study, and that the candidate shall be of good moral character. The last provision is of equal importance with the first, and the examinations should be very carefully made.

A striking example of the demoralization of our Police under "Ring" rule, was afforded early yesterday morning near the intersection of Wooster and Houston streets. Three or four desperate young women, all grossly intoxicated, indulged in a pugilistic encounter in an open saloon, their combative propensities being stimulated by the loud encouragement of their admirers on the corner listened for a moment to the row, and then deliberately walked away. Another officer passing by the door, stopped the disturbance by ordering the women into the street, and then proceeded to make an arrest. One of the women, however, resisted this laudable intention by slapping the policeman's face, a fact which elicited the applause of the others, and one of the men threatened to "get square with" the officer. As the latter recognized as the speaker one of the ruling class, he accepted the better part of valor, and left the rowdies to pursue their way unmolested.

The figures of the census refute the theory that freedom would diminish the numbers of the negro race. Every averment advanced by the theorist has been disproved. The negro has evinced a willingness to work, has taken care of himself and family, and, instead of congregating in towns and cities, has remained in the country pursuing agriculture, the only trade which he understood. Numerous examples of other races were advanced to prove that the weaker would be absorbed by the dominant people. To all these the negro has proved an exception, and under the adverse circumstances of the last decade, the race shows an increase of 22½. Here is a new problem for ethnologists. The ignorant people, born and reared slaves, have not been demoralized by liberty, but, on the contrary, have shown that they understand that "freedom from slavery means liberty to work," and that they are able to provide for and take care of themselves.

Even in the management of the Police force, our rulers are breaking away from republican traditions, and adopting a few more links to the fetters of monarchism, with which it is their purpose to bind us beyond hope of liberation. The Board of Commissioners heretofore retained the power of promotion and degradation to Special duty in its own hands, but now this power has been vested nominally in the President, with a view to its actual exercise by the Superintendent. The Tammany leaders have what they were about when they made new very convenient Republican—HENRY SMITH—President of the Board. The future of their rule will render necessary a series of arbitrary interferences at the polls, at the district meetings, and elsewhere. In these the Police can very effectively co-operate, and by placing them under the nominal direction of a renegade Republican, they doubtless expect to escape some of the odium which their own acts will involve. The public is, however, hardly likely to forget, in the evanescence of the thrills tool, the primary responsibility of the men who use him.

FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Washington Market in Bloom—Enormous Odors in Skip Blooms—The Prince of Some Choice Plants.

Dingy and riotously Washington Market is redolent with the perfume of fruits and flowers, and strawberries and cherries blend their color with the golden-tued fruits of the tropics. Weather-beaten hucksters are rendered doubly picturesque by contrivement in bowers of clustering plants and blossoms. Fat matrons-women have an extra kind of the rose of health on their cheeks, and the lively prattle and subdued cheerfulness of all evidences that the influence of Spring is at work among them. The growth of Spring vegetables, plants and flowers has been somewhat retarded by frost. Only a few nights ago many tender plants were blighted by its touch. Three hundred dollars' worth of tomato-plants were killed in one instance but recently, and the suburban gardeners complain of whole crops being destroyed. The flower business has consequently been quite dull, people being afraid to buy for fear of frost, eager to nip the buds. Flowers, however, are in all the City's profusion. Basal roses in full round of vermeil hue, "daisies pied and violets blue," climbing clematis and eglantine, honeysuckles and evergreen vines, lilacs, and all the sweet perfumery of Nature. The shrubbery season is about ended, and shrubbery of all kinds can now be bought low.

The following price list of a few of the most popular flowers selling in Washington Market, may serve as an index to the prices of others not mentioned: Bush roses—June Mayeuse, $2 per dozen; Madame Plantier, 25 per dozen. Standard roses—Lord Raglan and Marshal Niel, (finest varieties,) 50 per dozen, and so on down to 25. Moss roses—Princess Adelaide, 50 per dozen; Azalias, from 25 to 50 per plant; Japonicas, from 25 to 50 per dozen. Dahlias, (assorted colors,) 25 per dozen. Gladioluses from 25 to 50. Tube Roses, from 25 to 50 per dozen. Pinks, very fine, 25 per dozen. Geraniums, a splendid variety of garden plants, can be bought very cheap, and all varieties of the florist are now selling at one half the prices charged early in the season. The humblest family can afford a pot of flowers to bloom in the window, and who can express a better, healthier, or more refined enjoyment in a dismal location, than displays from a window-sill a diminutive garden of flowers in pots, that does not associate with the immense of that room an idea of cleanliness, and some atmosphere of purity.

Aid for France-Poles.

The fact that a number of Poles, late soldiers in the ARMY of the Vosges, under the command of Gen. GARIBALDI, recently arrived at this port from Europe, has been already mentioned here. The *Courrier des Etats Unis* now prints a letter concerning the condition of these exiles, who have for sole habits the uniforms they wore while in the above service, and who are utterly destitute. They seek employment and aid, and many have already found work, but a few remain unprovided for. Each is supplied with a certificate of good conduct while in the army. A subscription list for their immediate relief has been opened by the paper above named, and others are at the office of A. SUTTER, at No. 207 Broadway, Room No. 8, and at M. at No. 207 Broadway, Room No. 8, and at the Western Union Telegraph Company's residence of Mr. MARTIN WOSKOWSKI, President of the Committee of Relief. Money, clothing, or food intended for these unfortunates, and addressed to any of these places, as well as the offers of work, which they are especially desirous of securing, will be gratefully acknowledged.

CONNECTICUT.

Inauguration of Gov. Jewell, at Hartford—Grand Civic and Military Parade—Twenty Thousand Strangers in the City—Symbols of the Governor's Message, &c., &c.

[From a Special Correspondent.]

HARTFORD, Conn., Thursday, May 16, 1871.

One of the few "institutions" that have been handed down to the people of Connecticut intact from the old colonial times, is what is called here "election day"—the day set apart for inducting a newly-elected Governor into office. This very imposing ceremony was performed here today, substantially as it was performed a hundred years ago and over, the only difference being that where there was one spectator to witness it then, there are fifty now. The occasion is made a holiday, and the people from all this surrounding country come into town to witness the spectacle. The banks and insurance offices of the city are closed, the public schools are dismissed, and business is generally suspended. The military turn out, and escort the Governor-elect, who rides on horseback with a cockade in his hat, through the principal streets to the State-house, where he is formally notified by a joint committee of the Legislature of his election, and formally "accepts" the office. Having "accepted," (no one has been known to reject it from the most ancient times,) the Governor proceeds to the legislative halls, where he meets the two Houses in joint convention, and delivers his message. He commences and leaves the country people of Connecticut become to this ceremony, that the first inquiry made after an election is not "who is elected Governor?" but "who is going to ride the horse?" or "who is going to wear the cockade?" Ex-Gov. (now Senator) BUCKINGHAM was accustomed to wear the "cockade" during his whole term of office, and this may be the reason why he is the most popular man in the State. Certain it is that the old settlers of Connecticut could not be made to believe that their Governor was properly installed in office and had a right to rule over them if he failed to "ride the horse" and to "wear the cockade," at least on "election day." And however lightly that good old custom may have been regarded of late years by the rising generation, there was not one left inclined on its being observed this year, if it never should be again.

SCHEMES THAT PLAGUE THE INVENTORS.

The villainous attempt of the Connecticut Democracy to introduce Tammany Hall election-ering tricks into this State, and to cheat the people out of the Governor of their choice, aroused the indignation of every right-minded citizen of the State, and they all demanded, with one voice, that MARSHALL JEWELL should not only ride the horse and wear the cockade, but that he should do it so openly and conspicuously, and with such pomp and parade as would leave no doubt in the minds of the world who was elected Governor of Connecticut, and who the people were determined should occupy the seat. If the hot-headed Democrats, in and out of Connecticut, who are still trying to bolster up the villains who perpetrated the fraud in New-Haven, could see the letters which Gov. JEWELL has received from prominent men of both parties all over the State, thanking him and the party to which he belongs for exposing the election frauds here, which are believed to have been instigated by Tammany politicians, they would think it best for the reputation of their own party to drop the subject. Upward of five hundred of such letters have been received by Gov. JEWELL, of which at least one-third are from Democrats who voted for ENGLISH. If the Democratic Party here had quickly submitted to what was a manifest and palpable error, they might have made the world believe that it was an unintentional mistake; but by opposing all attempts to correct the error, and trying to reap party advantage from it, they have convinced honest people that it was an intentional fraud, and have thereby lost more votes than they could gain by a dozen such frauds.

THE PARADE.

Much being the feeling throughout the State, it was determined that the inauguration ceremonies under should be worthy of the triumph this honesty had achieved over rascality. The military and civic parade was on a more extensive scale than has been witnessed for many years past, and it is estimated that not less than twenty thousand strangers visited the city to witness it. A new feature of the parade was the presence of three colored military companies, two from New-Haven and one from Hartford, who marched in the procession and made a very creditable display. The late election was the first time that the colored people of the State ever had a right to vote, and this was the first time they ever paraded on "election day." Among the distinguished gentlemen from abroad who were present and rode in the procession, were Gov. CHAFLIN, of Massachusetts; Gov. PERHAM, of Maine; Gov. FAIRCHILD, of Wisconsin; Mr. HARVEY GRWELL, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Legislature; Gen. GRISWOLD, of New-Hampshire; S. B. CHASE MEDER, of Brooklyn; Gen. JAMES A. HALL, of Maine, and many others. At 12 M., Gov. JEWELL and staff were escorted from his head-quarters at the Allyn House to the City Park, where the military were drawn up in line for inspection. The escort consisted of two companies of horseguards and two of foot guards, one each from New-Haven and Hartford. These companies were organized a hundred years ago as the Governor's Guard of the colonies of Hartford and New-Haven, and have kept up their organizations ever since, and continue to wear the same uniform (red coats and buff breeches) that was worn before the Revolution. On reaching the Park Gov. JEWELL reviewed the troops, and the procession then took up the line of march to the State-house, passing through several of the principal streets, which were lined with people and gayly decorated with flags and banners. Rousing cheers greeted the Governor as he came in sight along the whole line of march, and, with the booming of cannon from the Sheridan Battery on College Hill and the strains of music from a dozen brass bands, the scene was at once animated, patriotic and jubilant.

INAUGURATION.

Arriving at the State-house, Gov. JEWELL was escorted to the Executive Chamber, where he was received by the retiring Governor, Mr. ENGLISH, and awaited the action of the Legislature. A joint Committee of the two Houses first waited upon Gov. ENGLISH to inquire if he had any communication to make to the Legislature, and were answered in the negative. The Committee then waited upon Gov. JEWELL, and informed him of his election. Having signified his acceptance of the office, he was escorted to the Assembly Chamber, where he met the two Houses in joint convention, and, having been sworn into office, read his Message.

ABSTRACT OF GOV. JEWELL'S MESSAGE.

The Message was confined almost exclusively to State topics, chiefly interesting the people of Connecticut. No allusion was made to the Democratic frauds at the recent election, but the Governor suggests such amendments to the law as will effectually protect the ballot from error or fraud. The following are the subjects of more general interest treated of in the Message:

"We enter upon our duties under the most favorable circumstances. Our country is enjoying an uninterrupted season of peace and prosperity. Our mercantile, manufacturing and agricultural interests are flourishing, and our financial condition is tending steadily toward that most desirable result, the resumption of specie payment. The national administration has made good its promises to Honestly collect the revenues and apply it to the extinguishment of the public debt, having reduced the debt more than $200,000,000 in a little over two years. In reference to the report of the State Treasurer, it would seem that our financial condition is very encouraging. The total indebtedness of the State at the commencement of the present fiscal year, April 1, less cash on hand, was $2,884,616 96, against $6,850,304 96 at the same time last year, showing a reduction of the debt for the year of $465,894 02, against $496,994 80 the previous year. The entire revenue for the year from all sources was $1,326,980 05, of which $400,000 00 came from the two-mill tax, $275,499 13 from savings banks, $312,254 50 from railroad corporations, $171,969 70 from mutual insurance companies for the past year, and $97,258 00 for previous years, $63,060 came from the commutation tax, $59,693 70 from non-resident stock, and the balance from miscellaneous sources. The total disbursements for the year were $1,971,509 88. The sum of $700,000 was paid on the principal of the public debt, and $432,048 05 for interest, $40,209 for salaries, $77,404 67 for expenses of the General Assembly, $170,923 78 for indirect reform school and hundred expenses, $9,597 86 for the Board of Education, $64,439 01 for public buildings and benevolent institutions, and $249,717 26 for the maintenance of the orphan children of soldiers. I desire to call the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that while our legal rate of interest is but six per cent., very little money is in fact loaned at that rate, except from the school fund. Millions of dollars annually leave this State, not so much for a higher market as for a market where a higher rate is legalized. Such a state of things appears to be detrimental to our best interests. I recommend that the earnings of any person to the extent of $50 be exempts from attachment for debt. Most of our manufacturers pay off, as it is termed, monthly, and as the average monthly wages of laborers is, perhaps, about this amount, an exemption of it would, in many cases of sick or unfortunate workmen, prevent great distress to their families and much annoyance to their employers. I would suggest to your serious consideration whether additional legislation is not necessary for the protection of the ballot in this State. No effort should be prevented in the counting of ballots, but the counting should be safe and accurate, and the number of votes polled and declared should correspond with the names checked on the list. Our divorce laws unless changed bid fair to bring us into disrepute. They are notoriously loose, more so than those of any other State except Indiana and Illinois. In the year 1870 there were in this State 406 divorces and 4,671 marriages, a ratio of about one to twelve, which has been about the proportion for several years."

In the evening Gov. JEWELL gave a dinner at his residence to the Governors of the other States who were present at the inauguration. The members of his staff also gave a dinner to the invited guests from abroad.

The Legislature will reassemble tomorrow and proceed to business. The session will probably continue till the 1st of July.

BULLOFF, THE MURDERER.

Near Approach of His Execution—Appearance of the Condemned—His Cell and His Books—Excitement of the People.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

BINGHAMTON, Tuesday, May 16, 1871.

This beautiful town, situated almost upon the apex of the triangle that a thousand feet below its main street is lost in the meeting waters of the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers, is just now the centre of interest to the people of this State. To call this a beautiful town is but to repeat a stereotype phrase, and in no way bring to the mind of one unused to it the real attractiveness of the place. The Chenango River runs directly through the old town, and on its banks are elegant residences, from whose windows, near the beautiful water of the historic river, can be seen the blue hills, towering far away into the vast chains of the Alleghanies. Upon every side these misty hills rise to confront the eye, and add increasing charms to the landscape. But just now we must forget all this, for in the centre of this lovely retreat is confined the celebrated criminal whose name is almost a household word in this region, and whose punishment will be grateful to this people. This is not strange, for in the main street of the village the murder was committed for which BULLOFF is to be hung. But one door from the bank of the Chenango River stands the store in which the fatal deed was done. A three-story brick building, with its back of easy access to the river, it seems of all others the one that a burglar would select for his attack. The people, with never-abating interest, point out the place where, after the alarm and flight, the burglars tried to cross the river, and tell how they were ignorant that the stream, shallow enough on the lower side, grows suddenly deeper and deeper, until within some four rods of the further shore it deepens into a dangerous channel, through which the waters, [contracted to one-quarter of their full breadth, flow with a powerful current. Here they were caught, and the two wounded men, tangled in each other's arms, sank to their doom. BULLOFF, reserved for a fate less swift but no less sure, retreated in time, and, rejoicing in liberty, was at last caught, identified, tried and convicted. It is not that the clerk who was murdered in trying to save his master's property was a general favorite, that the bitter feeling here apparent has grown into hate that is truly terrible; that has done much, but the past life of the prisoner has done more, for in adjoining counties this man has been twice tried for murder.

The jail where BULLOFF is confined is a small square building, a few rods from the Court-house, and bears the appearance of a private dwelling, the bank windows alone being grated, and the grating noticeable only after close inspection. Hundreds of people have undoubtedly passed the building since BULLOFF's trial, unable to find, in this modest dwelling, the jail for which they were searching. The appearance of the interior differs little from other prisons, and the cell occupied by the condemned I found to be quite apart from the others. As the door was flung open, the first impression as BULLOFF rises to be introduced to the visitors is of disappointment. There is no hardened look here, no indication of animal passions, nothing but a pale, stout man, with an abashed look, divided between bashfulness and sullenness, both born of a nervous temperment. Receiving the introductions passively, he stands quietly until the visitors are accommodated with chairs, and sits down. As he nervously glances from one face to another an opportunity for studying his face and head is given. The head is not high, but is very broad, and the ears are placed so far back that the practical eye easily sees the vast preponderance of brain in front. The forehead does not retreat, but rises straight up from the eyes, and is remarkably massive. The eyes are dark gray, and restless when talking, but at times they are coarse and fierce. As his left hand, a box, some two feet high, on which, raised by four books, is a lighted kerosene lamp, and beside it several pens and a small bottle of ink. On the foot of his bed lay several books, among which were noticeable the Dictionaries of ANDREWS and LIDDELL and SCOTT, also the "Medical Dictionaries" of DUNGLISON, VERNON'S "Anglo-Saxon Guide," and a CRUDEN'S "Homeric Lexicon." The books under the lamp were "Fox's Martyrs," a small "History of England," and two others of no particular account. On the pillow, at the head of the bed, lay a Bible, while in one of the cells were several volumes. But the centre of attraction, both to the visitors and to the prisoner, was a chair that stood directly in front of the cot, and on which lay the last completed page of the philological work that has created so much talk and speculation. The amount of work already done by BULLOFF upon this book is immense. Not a page of this manuscript could be worked up in less than from twelve to fifteen hourse of close application, and already there is completed and filed in the vault of one of the city banks, some 1,800 pages.

When BULLOFF began to speak of what he believes to be "the mission of his life," his face grew animated, and the body at other times listless and slouching, became instinct with action. At times during the interview BULLOFF was evidently in a state of great nervous excitement, yet he carried on the conversation with a calmness that was unbroken by the slightest apparent impatience. Once or twice he hesitated, saying, "I am unused to much talking and get nervous; please excuse me for a moment," but hardly was the sentence spoken when there sat the man, as quiet and calm as ever, going on with the conversation in the monotonous tone of a college professor in the quiet of the class-room. This peculiarity appals the spectator, and you are only too glad to escape from his presence.

Already the preparations for BULLOFF's execution are in progress. As there yet remains only two days more of life to the wretched criminal, for he is wretched despite his stoicism, the inhabitants of Binghamton are looking forward to the day of expiation with an eagerness bewildering to the stranger, who fails to fathom the depth of feeling manifested by the residents of the city, because unfamiliar with the growth of that intense hatred now so universally entertained by the people toward BULLOFF. The prisoner awaits his doom with no perceptive tremors, and he will probably suffer death in as cool a mood as when he heard the verdict of the jury who convicted him. In that first moment of suspense BULLOFF startled his counsel by saying: "I—— your jurymen didn't hold water, did they?"

Personal.

Ex-Gov. A. E. Burnside, of Rhode Island; Ex-Gov. Bullock, of Massachusetts, and Gen. Wickham, of Virginia, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Gen. N. P. Banks, of Washington, and Hon. Gelusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Gen. J. B. Carr and Hon. J. M. Francis, of Troy, are at the Grand Central Hotel. Joseph Price, Treasurer, and W. K. Muir, Superintendent of the Great Western Railroad of Canada, and Gen. S. E. Marvin, of Albany, are at the Brevoort House. Gen. H. A. Barnum, of Syracuse, and Hon. A. Van Vechten, of Albany, are at the Hoffman House. Mr. Charles Feehter is at the Albemarle Hotel. Hon. Asa Parker, of Pennsylvania; Hon. J. M. Ashley, of Ohio, and Gen. J. Kilpatrick, of New-Jersey, are at the Astor House.

AMUSEMENTS.

Notes, Musical and Theatrical.

The opera chosen for performance at the Academy of Music, this evening, is "Faust." The representation is to be the last but two of Mr. ALBITES' very brilliant season....Miss MEHLIG's farewell matinée concert at Steinway Hall is to take place today at 3 o'clock....A grand concert will be given, under the auspices of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Mott Haven, at the Harlem Music Hall, in Third-avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth-street, this evening. The services of the artists whose names follow have been secured: Miss Henrietta Beebe, Miss Julia Morris, Miss Ella Mayer, Mr. Charles Fritsch, Mr. W. K. Beckett, Mr. J. N. Pirsson, Mr. George F. Sargent and Mr. W. K. Bassford. Mr. J. F. Rarstow is to conduct....A grand concert—the fourth of the series—will be given by the Enterpe Society at Association Hall this evening. The chorus of the Enterpe will be heard, and the aid of Miss Maria Brainerd, Miss Antoinette Sterling, Miss Sarah Barron, Mr. Eugene Clark, Mr. Franz Remmerts, Mr. Carl Formingez, Mr. Wm. Mason, Mr. Jos. Lowenberg, Mr. George Matzka and Mr. Geo. Brannes is promised....Mr. LESTER WALLACK, Mr. JOHN BROUGHAM, and a full representation from Wallack's Theatre will act "The Liar" and "His Last Legs" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music this evening....A most attractive concert was given at St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church, in Madison-avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth-street, last night. During the entertainment, the vocal contributions to which were supplied by Miss H. LOVERIDGE, Miss V. TUCKER, Miss ——, and Mr. W. T. MEIR. The large organ built for the church by Messrs. GEO. JARDINE & SON, was exhibited by Messrs. G. W. MORGAN, W. T. JOHNSTONE, and E. G. JARDINE....The Boston papers print two items of interest: The connection of Mr. JAMES W. WALLACK with the Globe Theatre has terminated; Mr. CHARLES H. VANDERHOFF sails for England to-morrow.

The Illness of Mr. Henri Drayton.

The fact of the illness of Mr. HENRI DRAYTON, prostrated by a paralytic stroke at Rochester, has been mentioned in our telegraphic intelligence. The numerous friends, and still more numerous admirers, of the gentleman will, however, read with painful interest the more explanatory words of the Syracuse *Standard* of yesterday. That journal says: "The company had been singing at Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. DRAYTON stopping at the Osborn House. The landlord sent them to the depot, yesterday morning, in his private carriage, and as Mr. DRAYTON was alighting from the carriage at the depot he felt the stroke of paralysis. He was helped into a palace-car section, and made as comfortable as possible during his ride to Syracuse by Manager HESS, and his fellow artists. On arrival here he was conveyed to the Syracuse House in a carriage, and reached the rooms assigned himself and wife by aid of two of the company. Dr. THOWBRIDGE was called, under whose direction everything possible has been done for the unfortunate man. His right side was rendered powerless by the stroke; but the physician says the attack was light, and that Mr. DRAYTON will most likely rise above it in a short time. He has been kept as quiet as possible since arriving here, and has slept well. At 11 o'clock last night he was feeling somewhat improved, and the evidence of improvement was in the fact thas he could move the fingers of his right hand, which before had been entirely helpless. Every leading member of the company, male and female, was anxious to do something for the afflicted one, who seems to have the confidence and respect of them all. A brother of Mr. DRAYTON's was telegraphed, and will probably be here today."

The Management of the Atlantic Cables.

NEW-YORK, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LONDON TELEGRAPH COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 15, 1871.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

We send you for publication, with this note, a letter received from the managers of the Anglo-American and French Cable Companies. By law, by agreement between the different connecting telegraph lines, and by order of the directors of this Company, all messages are, and always have been, forwarded over its lines in the exact order of their receipt, except the messages of the Government of the United States, Great Britain and Newfoundland, which, by the charter of the Company, have precedence.

If any person in Europe or America knows of a single instance in which this regulation has ever been violated, he will confer a great favor upon the undersigned by communicating the same to them in writing. Mr. HUNT has been a director of this Company for more than fifteen years, and all the others of the undersigned have been directors from the formation of the Company in the Spring of 1864.

We remain, Sir, yours respectfully,

(Signed,) PETER COOPER,
MOSES TAYLOR,
CYRUS W. FIELD,
MARSHALL O. ROBERTS,
WILSON G. HUNT,
Directors of the New-York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Co.

CLARENDON HOTEL, NEW-YORK, 16th May, 1871.

To the President and Directors of the New-York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company:

GENTLEMEN: Since our arrival in New-York on Thursday last, our attention has been called to various articles in the newspapers, commenting in no measured terms, upon the management of telegraphic correspondence between this country and Europe, and to ask on our Company's right with the public on this side the water, we beg to offer the following explanation of the rules and regulations at present in force, as affecting public as well as Press messages, which explanation you are at liberty to use in any way you may consider desirable.

The two cables of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, between Hart's Content, Newfoundland and Valentia, Ireland, ceased to work on the 20th November last, and after a very short experience it was found that the French cable was becoming, day by day, more hopelessly blocked, chiefly by long Press messages from Europe; and although the various agents of the New-York Press were urgently requested both verbally and by letter to limit the number and length of their messages, long dispatches, containing as many as 1,000 to 3,000 words, were handed in by these gentlemen and checked at the line so effectually that there was very shortly from three to four days' delay upon commercial and social messages. In this emergency, the Joint Boards of the two Companies, after anxious deliberation, decided to double the then existing tariff, and to limit the number of words in any one message to fifty, a printed notice to this effect being very extensively circulated among all classes of the commercial community and Press agents.

Now the object of this regulation was to decrease the amount of business down to the carrying capacity of the French cables, and by limiting the length of messages to fifty words each, to divide the only means of communication remaining, as equally as possible, between senders and receivers on both sides the Atlantic. We regret exceedingly that this regulation, however necessary to the general interests of the public, should affect unfavorably so important and influential an interest as that of the Press; but, under the circumstances, such a regulation was absolutely necessary in order to secure to the senders and receivers of ordinary commercial and social messages a fair and reasonable share of a most important means of communication, which had been unfortunately limited by an accident, the Companies had no power either to avert or control, and to effect the repair of which neither money nor labor was spared. The cable Companies have hitherto made very large concessions to the Press, and have done everything in their power to facilitate the transmission of news telegrams to America, this service having been performed at fifty per cent. reduction upon the rate to the general public. In times of extreme pressure upon the companies, such as the present, the Press, however great its needs, ought not to expect to be allowed to occupy the only remaining cable unduly; the Companies in return for the rebate in price just mentioned, naturally look for fair and reasonable treatment at their hands. The Press should endeavor to subserve their own special interests, as far as possible, to the general good of all classes, and thus assist the managers of the cable Companies in carrying out a regulation which, so far from being introduced to injure the interests of the general public, was framed expressly to secure them; and to prevent Press agents from monopolizing the line with long messages at half rates, to the practical exclusion of the general public, who send short messages at full rates.

We beg to add that the repeating station on Newfoundland soil, through which the Anglo cables and which all messages must pass, have been effected, the necessity of the daily word limit will cease, as the three cables are fully capable of carrying the entire Press without restriction. We are, gentlemen, your most obedient servants,

(Signed,) CYRUS W. FIELD,
General Manager of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited.
(Signed,) RICHARD C. MAYNE,
Managing Director Société du Cable Transatlantique Français, Limited.

THE FLEETWOOD MEETING.

Opening Day of the Sport—Large Attendance and Good Racing—Heather Bloom the Winner of the Three Minute Purse, and Thomas Jefferson of the Two-Twenty-Nine Purse.

Fleetwood Park, barren and desolate during the long Winter and early Spring months, was the scene of busy gathering yesterday, the occasion being the opening day of the Spring meeting. The track was in very fine condition, and the contesting horses had an opportunity to display all the speed of which they were possessed. Many old favorites of last year appeared in improved form, while there were many new candidates for speed and fame, adding greatly to the uncertainty and the interest in the results. By 3 P. M. nearly 3,000 persons had gathered to witness the sport, and the horses entered in the first race began to show on the track.

THE FIRST RACE.

The opening event was a purse of $700 for horses that had never been beaten three minutes, with second and third money. The entries were fifteen in number, bugonly nine started, the remainder being all drawn. The starters were G. P. CARPENTER'S g. m. *Heather Bloom*, B. MACE'S b. g. *Hank*, J. WILLIS & CO.'s b. s. *Edwin Booth*, THOS. HIGGINS' g. g. *General Tweed*, J. RODGERS' g. *Fleetwood*, and C. FERGUSON'S b. m. *Bright Eyes*. The betting men were at a loss what to do. Three or four of the horses they knew all about, and of the others they knew nothing, as they came from out of town. At a venture they made *Fleetwood* the favorite, and several pools were sold, at about the following rates: *Fleetwood* $50, *Bright Eyes* $30, *Heather Bloom* $15, *Dunderberg* $12, field $70[illegible]

FIRST HEAT.—The number of starters was so great that there was of course much difficulty in getting away evenly, and at one time there was a probability of some smashed vehicles, but the drivers managed to avoid each other in some miraculous manner, and finally something like an even send-off was had. RODER'S *Fleetwood*, the favorite, was inside and got away first, leading *Heather Bloom* four lengths to the quarter-pole, with *Dunderberg* third, and the rest well strung out. At the half-mile pole Mace's *Booth* changed places with *Dunderberg*, and in this order they rattled around the north turn without change. At the three-quarter, *Fleetwood* broke badly, but caught at the head of the stretch and won by half a length, *Heather Bloom* being second and *Booth* third. The others, with the exception of *Hank*, *General Tweed* and *Bright Eyes*, were distanced. Time—2:35.

SECOND HEAT.—*Fleetwood* was now a greater favorite than ever, but the countrymen evidently knew a thing or two, and had been holding back. *Booth* led at the start, with the favorite second, the latter soon going to the front, with *Heather Bloom* second. A splendid race ensued between the two around to the turn into the homestretch, where *Fleetwood* again broke, and this time so badly that he only obtained fourth place, *Heather Bloom* being first, *Booth* second and *Hank* third. Time—2:37.

THIRD HEAT.—*Fleetwood* led to the first turn, but here he behaved badly and fell back, *Heather Bloom* cutting out the pace, with *Hank* second. The heat was easily won by *Heather Bloom*, *Hank* being four lengths behind, with *Booth* third.

FOURTH HEAT.—*Fleetwood* made one more desperate attempt to save his friends' money, but failed, *Heather Bloom* showing great speed, and again winning with ease. DAN MACE drove *Hank* so well that he got second money, *Fleetwood* and *Bright Eyes* both being distanced. Time of heat—2:33.

SECOND RACE.

The second event of the day was a purse of $1,500 for horses that had never beaten 2:30. Thos. *Jefferson*, *Prince*, *Dreadnaught* and *Sheppard Knapp* were entered. All were well-known horses, and it was conceded that it would be a hot contest between *Jefferson* and *Prince*. In the pools the former brought $150, *Prince* $125 and the field $100. The race was well contested. *Sheppard Knapp* was distanced in the first heat, and *Jefferson* and *Prince* trotted a dead heat in the second. In the third heat *Prince* broke at the close, and led *Jefferson* across the score, but the judges gave him second place for running. The final heat was well contested, but *Prince* could not win it, and *Dreadnaught*, only trotting for third money, *Jefferson* carried off the first purse. The following is a summary of the day's sport:

FIRST RACE.

FLEETWOOD PARK, Spring Meeting, 1871.—Purse $700, for horses that never trotted better than three minutes; $400 to first, $200 to second, $100 to third.

G. P. Carpenter's g. m. Heather Bloom..[illegible]	1	1	1
B. Mace'sbn. g. Hank.....	4	3	2
J. Willes & Co.'s b. s. Edwin Booth.....	3	4	3
Thos. Higgins' ch. g. General Tweed.....	2	2	4
C. Ferguson's b. m. Bright Eyes.....	5	5	5 dis.
G. W. Ferguson's b. m. Bright Eyes.....	6	6	6 dis.
O. A. Hickok's b. g. Dunderberg.....	dis.		
T. McCoy's g. g. Trustee.....	dis.		
Slater & Seaman's g. g. Fleetwood.....	dis.		
H. Howe's b. m. Sarah Jane.....	dr.		
D. Pfifer's g. g. Lottery.....	dr.		
A. Patterson's b. g. New-Hampshire.....	dr.		
[illegible].....	dr.		
H. Snyder's b. m. Canada Maid.....	dr.		
Budd Doble's b. g. George W. Jarvis.....	dr.		
A. Patterson's g. g. Charley Daniels.....	dr.		

TIME.

	Quarter.	Half.	Mile.
First mile.....	:37	1:15	2:35
Second mile.....	:33½	1:17	2:37
Third mile.....	:39	1:17	2:34½
Fourth mile.....	:40	1:15½	2:33

SECOND RACE.

SAME DAY—Purse $1,500, for horses that never beat 2:30; $1,000 to first, $300 to second, $200 to third horse.

T. Carpenter's blk. m. Thos. Jefferson.....	1	0	1
M. Roden's g. g. Prince.....	1	0	2
A. Patterson's ch. g. Dreadnaught.....	2	2	3
J. J. Bowen's b. g. Sheppard Knapp.....	dis.		

TIME.

	Quarter.	Half.	Mile.
First mile.....	:35½	1:14½	2:28½
Second mile.....	:37½	1:15¼	2:37
Third mile.....	:39½	1:13	2:27
Fourth mile.....	:38	1:14¾	2:30

Anniversary of the Howard Mission.

The Tenth anniversary of the Howard Mission, of New-York, was celebrated in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, last night, under the most cheering auspices. The vast edifice was packed from top to bottom. On the stage were about 250 of the children attached to the Mission, all looking clean and healthy. Quite a number of songs and hymns were sung by them in a creditable manner. The President, Mr. A. S. HATCH, in the opening address, reviewed briefly the work that had been done by the Mission since its organization, and assured the audience that there was no city in the country to which he appealed for help with so much confidence as to Brooklyn. The annual report of the Treasurer was then read, by which it appeared that the total receipts for the year had been $61,686, and the expenditures $51,515, leaving a balance in the treasury of $696.

An able address was also delivered by Rev. Dr. HERSHEY, of Philadelphia, in which he urged with eloquence the claims of the organization upon the charitable. At this point the "Hallelujah Chorus" was sung by the little ones, to the delight of the assemblage.

The Superintendent, Rev. W. C. VAN METER, next spoke upon the necessity of saving the children from the vice and general degradation which faces them on the public streets. Our legislators, he said, are prepared to build jails and poor-houses, but they do nothing to rescue the unfortunates from the temptations of life; it therefore becomes an absolute necessity for Christians to act in the matter.

A collection amounting to $600 was taken up.

Staten Island Charter Election.

Considerable excitement prevailed on Staten Island yesterday over the election of one Assessor and five Trustees, for the odd wards, of the village of Edgewater.

In the First Ward there were three candidates for the last named office, one of whom withdrew during the day and left the race between F. DIEDRICK, (Republican,) and JOHN GARVEY, (Democrat.) The former was elected by a large majority.

In the Third Ward FRED. LEUTHY was elected, in the Fifth Ward CHARLES MORGAN, in the Seventh JOHN O'BRIEN, and in the Ninth J. G. K. DUER. Mr. DENIS HAGGERTY was elected Assessor by a large majority.

Geographical Society—Lecture by Prof. Hartt.

Prof. CHARLES FREDERICK HARTT, of Cornell University, delivered an interesting lecture before the Geographical Society, last evening, embodying the results of his recent explorations in the valley of the Amazonas, with a view to ascertaining the geological formations of that tract. He did not agree with Prof. AGASSIZ, that the Amazonian valley was formed under glacial actions; he found no evidences of drift in his explorations in the Parana District. The valley was very complex in formation, and his theory, from careful observation, was, that the continent having sunk, and slowly raised again, the waters swept over the soft tertiary formations, leaving here and there the table-top mountains. He next gave an exceedingly interesting description of the climate and vegetation of that valley, and exhibited specimens of idols dug out of the Indian mounds at the mouth of the Amazones.

A vote of thanks was presented to him.

MORE LAWYERS.

Twelfth Annual Commencement of Columbia College Law School—Address to the Graduates by Theodore W. Dwight.

"Why and How the Sons of New-York Should Educate in Lawyers."

The twelfth annual commencement of the Columbia College Law School took place last night at the Academy of Music, in the presence of a fashionable audience which fairly filled the vast building. The central figure upon the stage was President BARNARD, in Oxford cap and scarlet gown, while around him were seated a crowd of noted men. Chas. O'Conor, Theodore W. Dwight, Judge Batchelder, Bishop Jones, Dr. Howard Crosby, Dr. Ludlow, Judge Larremore, Judge Reynolds, Rev. Dr. Potter, Frederick De Peyster, Ex-Judge Peabody, Ex-Judge Mitchell, G. M. Ogden, E. L. Fancher, and C. M. De Costa, Esq. After prayer by the Rev. C. R. Duttie, Prof. Dwight delivered the address to the Graduating Class, announcing as his topic, "Why and how the State [illegible] York should Educate its Lawyers."

Prof. DWIGHT said that the members of the Bar hold a public office. Their duties are of a public nature. Society suffers unless the lawyers have traditions of excellence, a strong public opinion among themselves in favor of honorable dealing, and a high respect for solid learning and practical ability. When the men of the profession is ignorant, spiritless and monetary-craved, the men of native nobility and [illegible] take to establish a class of [illegible] work would neglect many [illegible] of evolving an equitable, [illegible] and fearless Bar. When that profession defies the liberties of the country and the welfare of society are comparatively safe. The importance of the Bar in the State in the past, and its constant influence in the evolution and construction of the general principles upon which society is based, were then shown. The lawyer, while arguing and pleading in his special case, is at the same time performing the functions of a legislator. By wisdom, leading a willing Court to a result for public benefit, or, by sophisms, deluding Judges and imposing fallacies upon the action of the Commonwealth, which it takes a generation to shake off. Every age shows a different tendency in the actions of bad men. In the middle ages the strong and unscrupulous used open force and violence. Fraud and knavery are the unsuccessful vices of our time. Great plunderers leave the fields of tangible property to ignorant men and lay hold of the intangible interest of their fellows, particularly those which they have selected to guard and defend. Mephistopheles sits at the seat of Customs in the chair of the railroad director or the public councilor's chamber, decorous and gentlemanly, and never violates the criminal law. Morally, breach of trust is the vilest of crimes. It poisons the very springs of society, and yet many able and unscrupulous men are worse than wasting their eminent abilities in supporting the very foundations of social existence. No greater service could be done to our time than to make breaches of trust a criminal offense. Make them equivalent to thieving, and then punish with the sanction of society the most eminent confidence man of them all. Now, shall the Bar aid men to commit breaches of trust? I say emphatically, no! We may defend any criminal so far as to see that only justice is awarded him, but to aid him in carrying forward his schemes, to supply the intellect and skill which shall enable the bad man to continue his evil course, is equivalent to doing the bad deeds themselves. The need of skilled lawyers at this hour to make laws may be alluded to. "Legislation has become special rather than general. Special cases, which should only occasionally be thought of, now form the staple of our laws, and general legislation is often bungling and retrograde in its enactment. It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that any whim or extravagant thought entertained by a leading man may become a law in fifteen minutes after it has flashed upon him. As one of the best illustrations of this in modern times, the speaker cited the recent legislation in New-York on the subject of contempt of Court, giving to facts and precedents which are embodied in an article from his pen, printed on another page. Now suppose, he continued, that the Act before the Legislature in regard to contempts does not become law. What safeguard is there that there will not recur at succeeding sessions of the Legislature other instances as ill-advised and extraordinary. None whatever. There never will be any ill lawyers and students of politics content to become legislators. Neither reason, therefore, that we should educate its lawyers was that the Judges must be selected from their ranks. "The ignorance of a Judge is the calamity of innocence." The question of "How a lawyer should be educated" was then taken up, and the best methods of legal instruction were set forth. The increasing tendency of legal practice toward principles, to the exclusion of mere special cases, was specially dwelt upon. Prof. DWIGHT, with some kind words of warning and esteem on the part of himself and his associates, then closed by bidding the class an affectionate farewell.

The Alumni oration, by WM. H. INGERSOLL, LL.B., was followed by the reading of the report of the Committee on Award of Prizes. In the Department of "Municipal Law the judges, Messrs. ESOGUE L. FANCHER, GILBERT M. SPEIR and CHARLES M. DE COSTA, awarded the first prize of $200 to WILLIAM WHITEHEAD LAIN, Jr., the second prize of $150 to GEORGE COWLES LAY, Jr., and the third prize of $100 to WALTER BRUCE WINES. JOHN H. STAATS carried off the first prize in "Political Science," amounting to $125, and ALDEN CHESTER the second prize of $75. BERNARD ROELKER, Esq., Mr. EDMUND WETMORE and Hon. BENJAMIN D. SILLIMAN were the judges in this department. The President next proceeded to confer the degree of Bachelor of Laws upon the following gentlemen, ninety-eight in number:

Henry Green Atwater, George Augustus Baker, Jr., George Baker, James Baker, Jr., Joseph Baldwin, Richard Thomas Gilbert Barry, James William Beekman, Jr., Henry Bischoff, Jr., Alden Chester, William Henry Clark, Thomas Newby Cuthbert, William Bayard Cutting, Adolf Csaki, Edward Rizzome de Grove, Samuel Gardner Derrickson, Harrison Downes, William Alexander Duer, Thomas Fessenden Eccleston, Charles Howard Edwards, William Fanning, Jr., Charles Henry Farnam, William Whitman Farnam, Edwin Bancroft Foote, William Dudley Foulke, George Washington Gallinger, Anthony Ambrose Griffin, William King Hall, Frank Denham Harmon, Monmouth Gedney Hart, Edward Banker Hibbert, John Henry Hobart, Francis Rinsman, James Hunt, Frederick G. Ireland, Alphonse Anselm Jacobi, William Henry Kelly, John Pierre Kirby, William Whitehead Ladd, Jr., George Cowles Lay, Jr., John Brooks Leavitt, William Henry Lawrence Lee, John Edgar Livingston, Nathaniel Alexander McBride, Bernard Edward McCafferty, M. Milmo McGowan, Frank Malecsay, Martin Sander Meyer, Charles Philip Miller, Theodore Frelinghuysen Miller, William Mitchell, Jr., Charles Jacob Nehrbas, David B. Ogden, Philip Joseph O'Hanlon, Wm. Osborn Sailerlee Peaker, Chas. Augustus, Peabody, Jr., Elmer Poulson, James Prendergast, Samuel Augustus Purdy, Jr., William McNevin Purdy, Henry Warren Raymond, Henry Remsen, Frank Reynolds, Pedro Philip Riotte, David Solis Rit terband, Platt Rogers, James Alexander Rose, John Watts Russell, Hugh Huntington Russell, Ruggles Hamilton Sampter, Charles Miller Schieffelin, James Cary Sheffield, Charles William Shelton, Frank Norsworthy Shepard, Hiram Watson Sibley, William Thomas Simms, William Bond Sk

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The Exchange Sales-room was crowded yesterday, and more interest than usual was evinced in the proceedings. The large transactions recently effected in lots in the vicinity of Central Park, and the speculative excitement incident thereto, is beginning to exert its influence on all classes of property, so it would not be strange if in a very brief period the smartest gave more signs of activity than at any time within the past year. A firmer tone is already shown, and bids at the various auctions are more decided and earnest. The following sales were made at the Exchange yesterday:

A. J. BLEECKER, Son & Co., at an executor's sale by order of the executor of THOMAS B. BENEDICT, deceased, disposed of a two-story frame house and lot, on the east side of Ninth-avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, for $6,300; purchaser, B. C. THOMPKINS. The lot adjoins on the south, and the building upon it rents at the rate of $1,100 per year. When these facts and other locations are taken into consideration the price paid would seem to be low. Messrs. BLEECKER & Co. also disposed of the country residence of Mr. CHAS. A. MEIGS, located at New-Brighton, Staten Island, at the junction of Bard-avenue and Richmond-terrace or Shore road, adjoining the residence of JOHN C. HENDERSON, Esq. The property embraces about eight acres of land, upon which is erected a large Gothic cottage, stable, carriage-house, work-shop and other out-buildings, while the grounds are tastefully laid out. The place was purchased for $27,750 by JOHN J. CRANE, and was deemed a bargain.

ROBERTS & McGUIRE, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of GRATE NATHAN, Esq., referee, sold a three-story brown-stone house and lot on the south side of Fifty-sixth-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, lot 20.5 by 100.5; sold for $23,000; purchaser, Mrs. CAROLINE S. READ.

WM. ARNOTT, by order of the executor of ELLIS HARLOW, deceased, disposed of lot 20 by 100.5, with a frame building thereon, located on the west side of Eleventh-avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets; purchased by JOHN REYNOLDS for $6,000.

No other sales than the above were made, but there were all of a home and city character. The only business of an auction character was adjourned sale by JAMES M. MILNE, of the legal sale under the direction of CHARLES A. JACKSON, Esq., referee, of a lot on the south side of Fortieth-street, 475 feet west of Eighth-avenue, adjourned until June 14. For today, at the Exchange, several auctions are advertised, viz.: By E. P. FABRICIUS, property on One Hundred and Twelfth-street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, and on Eleventh-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, both legal sales. By HUGH N. CAMP, forty-eight building lots, sold in plots of from six to twelve lots each, located in Fordham, in Westchester County, near Jerome Park, and by E. H. LUDLOW & Co., as an assignee's sale in bankruptcy, valuable mining property in Virginia.

No suburban sales of special interest are noticed for today, but to-morrow the Bradford estate auction, conducted by S. DUNCAN & Co., takes place, and a large crowd will undoubtedly be in attendance of investors. Should the present real estate excitement continue, the public sales at the Exchange, in June, will be more numerous than has usually been the case in a Summer month, and the property offered desirable. The 7th of June has already been fixed upon for the extensive sale to be conducted by Messrs. HATCH & VAN DOREN, of the Dyckman estate, as the upper end of the island. Let the demand for City lots once set in, with good prices offered, and the supply will be all that can be desired.

The sale of lots at Rutherford Park, N. J., yesterday, by A. D. MALLORY, Jr., & BROTHER, was largely attended, several car-loads of persons having interested in the transaction going out in the special train. As to the result of the sale, we are not informed further than that a number of lots were disposed of at good prices. Full particulars will be given to-morrow.

At private sale WM. H. HAYWOOD, No. 4½ Pine-street, has leased the three-story and cellar store on the south-west corner of Eighth-avenue and Nineteenth-street, and one in the rear, fronting on street, for $66,000; also, 4 lots on the north-east corner of Nineteenth-street and Eighth-avenue, for $60,000, and 3 lots on the south-east corner of Thirty-ninth-street and 9th-avenue, for $10,000 each. All the above are full lots.

HAMILTON & WALLIS, No. 9 Nassau-street, report having recently effected private sale of property at Orange, N. J., as follows: Seven lots corner of Lincoln-avenue, sold for $14,000; seven and a half lots on Central-avenue, sold for $11,000; Heights section, E. L. Llewellyn Tract, sold for $13,000, and place known as "Castle-wood," in same park, with nearly six acres of land, sold for $60,000. The same firm also report having recently sold fifty lots on Bement-avenue, Staten Island, for $35,000, and two houses on Clinton-street, Staten Island, for $6,000 each.

In our reports of private sales we respectfully request from brokers, or as they may otherwise come to our notice from time to time, we have always endeavored to make a distinction as to whether the sales were made by the firms named or simply reports of the same. Transfers of lots are often reported on the Street, but the brokers' names are not always connected with the transaction, but as far as possible we desire to give credit where credit is due. In the private sales reported last week of Fifth-avenue lots, one, on the south-east corner of Ninety-first-street, sold for $45,000, and the other, on the south-east corner of Eighty-fifth-street, sold for $47,500. PAGE & MCCAFFERTY claim to have drawn the contracts for the same, and that they were respectively signed at the office of the firm, No. 854 Fifth-avenue.

The respective of the *Real Estate Bulletin* for May, published by WICKHAM & LITTLE, No. 208 Montague-place, Brooklyn, is acknowledged. The information contained concerning Brooklyn property is valuable.

Exchange Sales, Tuesday, May 16.

NEW-YORK.

By Roberts & McGuire.

4-story brown-stone house and lot, 36th-st., 262.4 ft. w. of 8th-av., lot 20.8x100.5 ..... $23,000

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

3-story frame house and lot, No. 774 9th-av., c. s., 20.5 ft. s. of 52d-st., lot 20x100 ..... $9,300

By William Abbott.

3-story frame house and lot, w. s. of 11th-av., 23.1 ft. n. of 51st-st., lot 23.1x100 ..... $6,800

NEW-BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

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J. JOHNSON, JR., Auctioneer.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT
FIRST GREAT AUCTION SALE
from
New Kings County Map,
Confirmed by Commissioners, Feb. 21, 1871.
800 FLATBUSH
AND
NEW-UTRECHT LOTS,
on farm formerly belonging to
CORNELIUS BENNETT, ESQ.,
will positively be sold without limit,
BY JOHNSON & MILLER,
On TUESDAY, May 23, 1871,
at 12 o'clock at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York.

This property is splendidly situated between 36th and 37th sts., and 15th and 16th ave., in Flatbush and New-Utrecht, and near Flatbush, Brooklyn Line and Prospect Park; central location soon to be densely populated. Same distance from New-York City Hall as Central Park, Franklin-av., Boulevard (one hundred feet wide), New Boulevard (200 feet wide), from Prospect Park to Fair Grounds, Dummy Railroad, and New-York and Hempstead Plains Railroad, all in immediate vicinity. The property is the most desirable adjoining the City of Brooklyn, fifty minutes from Fulton Ferry. Sale will be peremptory. Every lot offered will be sold to the highest bidder. Terms easy. For maps and particulars apply to JOHNSON & MILLER, No. 23 Nassau-st., New-York, and Montague-st., near Court, Brooklyn.

S. DINGEE, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE
OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JUDGE A. W.
BRADFORD,
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1871, ON THE GROUNDS, at the Harrison Station of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, in the
RYE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY,
one hour from New-York, thirty minutes from Harlem Bridge. All trains are to stop at Harrison after May 17. Annual commutation, $100.
NINETY ACRES,
IN PLOTS OF FROM TWO TO SEVEN ACRES
EACH.
ALSO, "THE MANSION,"
of thirty rooms, with 2 65-100 acres of land, and the extensive stables, conservatories and out-buildings.
SALE WITHOUT RESERVE.
TITLE PERFECT. ASSESSMENT MAY REMAIN.
A village is growing up near the station. The viaduct road (the plans of which are in actual preparation) secures quick transit, and at once the ferry town of Sandpiper, Westchester will grow together into one great city.
Take special excursion train, 9 A. M. and 11½ A. M. New-York and New-Haven Railroad, corner 27th-st and 4th-av.
Maps and circulars at H. S. JAQUES, No. 38 Chambers-st., or
S. DINGEE & CO., Auctioneers, No. 62 Cedar-st.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, AT 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, sale of valuable property in Westchester County, near Jerome Park and Central-av., within ten minutes' walk of Gouverneur Depot, and one hour's drive from Fifth-avenue Hotel; about forty-eight lots of land lying near Jerome Park and Central-av., and within the proposed limits of annexation to New-York City, in plots of from five to twelve lots, all on grade. There can be no question as to the great prospective value of these lots.

Seventy per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage for three years.

For maps, terms and particulars, apply at the office of the Auctioneer, No. 21 Pine-st.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE
OF
130 LOTS
Situate on
7TH-AV., MACOMB'S DAM ROAD, 151ST., 152D, 153D AND 154TH STS.,
Together with a valuable
WATER FRONT ON HARLEM RIVER.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, May 24, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the executors of Daniel Devlin, deceased, the above-described valuable property, situate at the junction of 7th-av. and Macomb's Dam Road, and known as the

FLORENCE HOTEL PROPERTY.

Having a frontage of about 1,200 feet on Harlem River, 1,100 feet on Macomb's Dam Road, 900 feet on the east and 700 feet on the west side of 7th-av.; 1,195 feet on 151st-st. will be sold, together with the improvements thereon, in one parcel, affording to capitalists a rare opportunity for

SAFE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.

The 7th-av. Boulevard, which is 150 feet wide, runs through the property, and is as will appear from the following resolution passed by the Board of Central Park Commissioners, about being regulated and made one of the finest drives on the island.

Resolved, That the 7th-av., from 110th-st. to the Harlem River, be completed as a gravel road, that it be worked and finished as such its whole length, permitting a line of trees heretofore designed to be planted through the centre of the roadway.

Seventy per cent of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage for three or five years.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE
OF VALUABLE LOTS
ON
10TH-AV. AND 102D-ST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, May 25, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the executors of

TERST-AVENUE—Four lots east side of 10th-av., commencing on the north-east corner of 102d-st.

THIRD-AVENUE—Four lots west side of 10th-av., commencing on the north-west corner of 102d-st.

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND-STREET—Three lots and gore, north side of 102d-st., commencing 100 feet west of 10th-av., and near the Boulevard.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD-STREET—Eleven lots north side of 102d-st., commencing 100 feet east of 10th-av.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSES AND LOTS ON DEAN-ST., BROOKLYN, AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, May 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, 111 Broadway:

DEAN-STREET, BROOKLYN—Five three-story brick houses and lots, situate on the north side of Dean-st., 125 feet west of Smith-st., old Nos. 37, 39, 41, 43 and 45; new Nos. 61, 63, 65, 67 and 69. The houses have stone basements, under-cellars, water, &c., and are about 35 feet in depth. Lots, 20x100.5.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT NO. 316 WEST 33D-ST. AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, May 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

WEST THIRTY-THIRD-STREET (Boorman-place)—The four-story English basement brown-stone front house, and lot, situate on the south side of West 33d-st., between 8th and 9th avs., and known as No. 316; lot 16.9 by 98.9 feet.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

STORE AND LOT, NO. 30 CEDAR-ST., AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, May 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, 111 Broadway:

CEDAR-STREET—The four-story brick store and lot, situate on the southerly side of Cedar-st., between William and Pearl sts., and known as No. 30.

S. DINGEE, Auctioneer.

UNRESERVED AND ABSOLUTE SALE
AT PUBLIC AUCTION,
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1871,
OF THE
302 ACRES OF CHOICE LAND;
300 ACRES
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In lots and plots of one to twelve acres each.
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Spacious barns, stables, carriage and out-houses.
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No. 62 Cedar-st., New-York.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—In the matter of ABRAHAM BININGER and ABRAHAM B. CLARK, bankrupts.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, assignee of the above-named bankrupts, will sell at public auction, at the Merchants' Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 17th day of May, 1871, at 12 o'clock at noon, by E. H. Ludlow & Co., auctioneers, the following parcels of land adjoining each other, situate partly in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and partly in Orange County, Virginia containing together seven hundred and seven acres of land, known as the Vaucluse Gold Mine, the property, together with the mines, minerals, metals and metallic substances, buildings, improvements, fixtures and appurtenances thereto belonging, including two steam-engines and all other machinery and utensils used in the mining operations now, or recently, carried on at the said Vaucluse mine, &c. The sale will be subject to confirmation by the Court. Deed of conveyance to be executed, and an inventory of the improvements, fixtures, &c., may be had upon application to the undersigned, or to his attorneys, Messrs. Rangé, Sedgwick & North, No. 127 Broadway, or to the assignments, No. 9 Pine-st.—New-York, March 16, 1871.
JOHN S. BESCHER, Assignee, No. 68 Front-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Son & Co., Auctioneers.

THURSDAY, MAY 18.—AT 12 M., AT EXchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway,
EXECUTOR'S SALE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO ESTATE OF PETER B. DEVEAU, DECEASED.

FORSYTH-STREET—Two-story stone and basement brick front house, between Grand and Hester sts., 23x100, with four-story tenement-house in rear. Terms cash. Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

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The house will be open on TUESDAY from 10½ to 5 o'clock. Catalogues at the auctioneer's office, No. 3 Pine-st.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.

BY E. H. FINTURN, BROWN & CO.—THIS DAY, (Wednesday,) May 17, at 11½ o'clock, on Pier No. 11, East River,
4,062 boxes fresh Naples Oranges.
62 boxes fresh Naples Lemons, cargo *San Pietro*, from Naples.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT—COUNTY OF RICHMOND.—CORNELIA GERRY, plaintiff, against H. M. COOPER, wife of Matthew H. Cooper; LAURA CURTISS MOORE, wife of Alfred H. Moore, and ALFRED H. MOORE, FREDERICK B. MUNDY and WILLARD H. WILDER, defendants.—Summons for relief. (Com. not served.)—To the defendants, and each of them: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Richmond, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, No. 156 Broadway, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated March 15, 1871.
MUNDY & STOUT, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

The complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Richmond, on the 29th day of April, 1871.—Dated May 1, 1871. my3-14w6w

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AT A MEETING of the stockholders of the Clinton Hall Association, held on this day, seven trustees, we, the undersigned, were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:
WILSON G. HUNT,
WILLIAM E. DODGE,
THOMAS H. FAILE,
LUND COFFIN,
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WANTED—A COOK'S SITUATION BY A Scotch Protestant woman; can do French, English or American cooking, game, birds, meats, soups of all kinds, side dishes, boning, larding, pastry, creams, jellies, excellent baker, &c.; best testimonials. Call at No. 355 4th-av.

WANTED—IN THE COUNTRY; SITUations by two smart young women, one as cook, washer and ironer, the other as chamber-maid and waitress; both have the best of references, and understand the care of silk and buffer. Call at No. 109 West 24th-st., near Broadway.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SMART, tidy young girl to do chamber-work and waiting in a private family; is willing to take care of children and sew; no objection to the country; has three years' reference from her last place. Call for two days at No. 166 West 26th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent woman to do house-work in a private family where there is no other girl and the washing and ironing sent out; is an excellent baker; understands pies, desserts; good references. At CARPENTER'S, No. 128 West 11th-st., corner 6th-av.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG PROTESTANT woman, a situation as waitress; understands the care of silver; getting up sashes in the best manner; can do chamber-work and waiting; or fine washing; good testimonials; country or City. Call at No. 230 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT woman, a situation as cook; understands cooking in all its branches; has good City reference. Can be seen at No. 145 Hester-st., between Bowery and Chrystie-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman a situation in a private family as chamber-maid and plain sewer or as waitress; has the best City reference. Call for two days at No. 312 West 46th-st., between 8th and 9th avs.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN GOING to Liverpool, a situation as nurse, or to care for an invalid lady; would wish no wages for her passage; can be well recommended. Apply to Rev. JOHN DAVIES, South Norwalk, Conn.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG woman, a situation as seamstress; can cut and fit ladies' and children's dresses, and do all kinds of family sewing on machine; a private family. Can be seen for two days at No. 230 West 30th-st., Room No. 5.

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Two Jurors the Result of Yesterday's Labor.

The Panel of Five Hundred Reduced to Two Hundred and Four—Incidents of the Examination of Candidates.

The second day of the trial of WILLIAM FOSTER for the murder of AVERY D. PUTNAM was marked by a large attendance of spectators, the majority of whom were gentlemen summoned as jurors in the case, but outside the door of the Court-room the crowd was dense long before the Court convened, and the utmost anxiety was expressed to see the prisoner. This curiosity was not gratified, however, for the officers having him in charge conveyed him to the ante-room of the Court at an early hour. Judge CARDOZO took his seat upon the bench at 10 o'clock precisely, but at that hour neither the prosecuting officers nor the defendant's counsel were present. The prisoner was brought in and given a seat at one side, where he conversed with his acquaintances and appeared extremely composed. He was neatly dressed, closely in his appearance, and bore no signs of the dissipation which led to the commission of his dreadful crime. None of his relatives were present, and only his acquaintance appeared to take more than a passing interest in him. Duffee the entire day he seemed unconcerned, but eagerly listened to all the proceedings in the Court. On one occasion, when his counsel, in examining a candidate for the jury, made a tacit admission that the killing was done by FOSTER, the prisoner appeared nervous and anxious, but this speedily passed away. It is inferred, from the line of the examination yesterday, that counsel will admit the homicide, but will claim that the crime was one of the minor degrees of manslaughter, and he will contest if they can procure a verdict of murder in the second degree.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

At 10:30, prisoner's counsel having arrived, and the District-Attorney being present, the names of the jurors already sworn—who had been accommodated during the night at the Astor House—were called, and the proceedings of the day commenced. The first three candidates called had formed an opinion, and were not aside.

ADAM MUIR had impressions, but no opinion; had no conscientious scruples. Messrs. HENDRICKSON and MARTIN were sworn as triers, and Mr. MUIR's qualifications as a juror examined. Mr. MUIR stated that, assuming that the published statements were true, he had formed impressions, but thought he had no opinion; thought he could give an impartial verdict; had no impressions for or against the prisoner. Judge STUART addressed the triers on the impressions formed by the statements of Mr. MUIR. Col. FELLOWS replied, and admitted that it was impossible for a man not to have some impression as to the facts and incidents of this case; the law does not undertake to set aside and reprove mental phases, but jurors must be capable of reason, and not absent idiots. He questioned whether these impressions were opinions, and he claimed that they were not. He quoted authorities in support of his position. The Court charged the triers that if they found the candidate entirely impartial and indifferent, they were to accept him. If they stood that the slightest doubt there was a doubt, and that the prisoner should have the benefit of that doubt. The candidate was therefore directed to stand aside.

A recess was taken at 1 o'clock for half an hour, before which not a single juror had been obtained, and there was a fair prospect of an exhaustion of the panel before the requisite number could be sworn.

THE SIXTH JUROR.

About 2½ o'clock Mr. WALTER F. BARTLETT was called. He said he had formed no opinion. On the challenge for favor, stated that he had read the World; had been in the jury-box several times and felt competent to decide; had been in a criminal case when the prisoner was on trial for arson; was not at all related to counsel for the prisoner, and felt entirely impartial. The candidate stated that he understood that killing was not murder. Counsel for defense accepted him, and he was sworn, making the sixth juror obtained. He is a manufacturer of corsets at No. 343 Broadway, and resides at No. 318 West Fifty-third-street.

THE SEVENTH JUROR.

The next name called was that of SIMON KAHNER, who said he had an idea, a conjecture, but no impression; saw FOSTER in a carriage about twelve years ago; is a manufacturer of marble; thought he stood entirely indifferent and impartial, and could give a verdict. If it was admitted that FOSTER struck the blow, would not have an impression unfavorable to the prisoner. The candidate was accepted, making the seventh juror. His residence is No. 128 West Fifty-first-street, and goes business at No. 20 West Twenty-third-street.

THE EIGHTH PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE.

CHARLES O. CLAYTON was next called and said he had formed an opinion; is an usurer at No. 71 West Eleventh-street; have no opinion respecting the guilt or innocence of the prisoner, since being summoned had avoided all conversation in relation to the case. The challenge for principal cause was withdrawn and one made for favor. The reading of the account of the killing produced no impression on his mind as to the guilt of the prisoner; thought it was given entirely from hearsay; thought nothing as to the party who committed it; thought the killing was foul, but after reading that the party was arrested he dismissed the case from his mind; thought it was a criminal business, and still think so; if prisoner is acquitted he is guilty; thinks he could decide the case impartially from what he had read did not form an opinion whatever it was, murder or not; never served on a jury in a criminal case. The question was objected to by triers, who decided that the challenge was not true. He was then challenged peremptorily, making the ninth challenge of this class.

INCIDENTS.

One of the candidates, after having been examined on all other points, was about being accepted, when it was found that he was opposed to capital punishment. He was accordingly rejected. Another had a trouble in his business, which so absorbed his mind that he could only read three lines of the report, and from that derived the impression that it was a theological student who had been killed. Another had read about it, but all he knew was that Judge STUART objected to Judge CARDOZO trying a case. One candidate did not like to express the opinion that the prisoner was guilty. Another had known the father of the defendant for twenty years, and did not wish to serve as a juror, but Judge STUART said that was no bar, when the candidate said that he had formed a decided opinion which could not be removed by evidence. Another following gentleman had formed an opinion and expressed it, and were therefore disqualified from serving in this case:

Hudson Carr.	Emil F. Schantz.
Charles Carroll.	Otto Klinck.
Francis A. Lodderly.	Geo. W. Andros.
Orville H. Toby.	Richard R. Jones.
Abraham Brunner.	Absalom Jacobs.
Nahum Stetson, Jr.	Zacheus Klasdar.
Isaac Friedberg.	Dewitt C. Langley.
Philip Haier.	Julius Stutzman.
William Gaskill.	Egbert O. Tuley.
Oliver Cox.	Cyrus Hubbell.
Lucius Lyon.	Henry A. Burlhut, Jr.
Adolph Moschcos.	Stephen A. Caldwell.
Gilman Cazmore.	William Noyes.
James Hall.	Adolph Helgarten.
James W. Johnson.	Francis Weber.
George V. Johnson.	John Reuser.
John Kreag.	Abram J. Van Winkle.
Michael Canning.	George Dupy.
Van B. Sisson.	Charles L. Easter.
George B. Shove.	Jacob Schoenburg.
Benjamin C. Cornish.	Michael O'Shaughnessy.
John Kling.	Michael Fox.
Charles Roth.	William Landstake.
Charles Rudeck.	Charles A. Kleis.
John P. Baker.	Thomas Kerr worth.
Silas H. Haines.	Edward Hall.
Thomas Mullen.	Edwin J. Holbrook.
James R. Overbaugh.	Frederick Partridge.
William C. Grant, Jr.	Thomas Fleming.
Lucius G. Simons.	Joseph Wiggins.
Xavier Kerr.	Stephen E. Clark.
William Foos.	David M. Kohler.
Michael McNulty.	Lindley M. Hoffman.
Henry Reitzes.	Henry Schwarz.
Robert W. Chapman.	Charles G. Crowell.
John Lacy.	Ludwig Dreytus.

John R. Brokaw.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 5 o'clock Judge STUART appealed to the Court for an adjournment, stating that he was exhausted, and seeing no prospect of obtaining a jury that day, suggested that the case go over until this morning. Judge CARDOZO said that so far as he was concerned he would do anything he could to benefit the wishes of counsel in this respect, and, after admonishing the jurors, the Court was adjourned. Already 196 candidates have been sworn, and there were at the close of the proceedings 204 ballots in the box. It is thought very probable that the remaining five jurors will be obtained without exhausting the panel. The names of the jurors thus far obtained are as follows:

1. BENJAMIN HENDRICKSON, Bureau of Assessments; residence, No. 222 West Eleventh-street.
2. ROBERT Y. MARTIN, merchant, No. 49 Fulton-street.
3. JOHN E. HOAGLAND, merchant, No. 220 West-street; residence, No. 19 Cottage-place.
4. HIRAM C. ROGERS, cashier Gold Exchange Bank, No. 58 Broadway; residence, No. 2 West Thirty-ninth-street.
5. SAMUEL DOWDING, fur manufacturer, No. 82 Fourth-avenue.
6. WALTER A. BARTLETT, corset manufacturer, No. 46 West Broadway; residence, No. 318 West Fifty-third-street.
7. SIMON KAHNER, marble manufacturer, No. 201 West Twenty-first-street; residence, No. 128 West Fifty-first-street.

Another One Pickpocket Caught.

THOMAS FITZ, of No. 8 North-street, was yesterday fully committed at the Tombs by Justice HOGAN on the charge of snatching a gold watch and chain worth $50, from the vest pocket of THOS. MORRIS, of No. 232 South Second-street, Jersey City, while acting off a car yesterday morning near the City Hall. FITZ attempted to escape, but was caught by Officer MCCAFFERTY, of the City Hall Police, while running through Centre-street pursued by MORRIS.

A Model Car-Driver.

JOHN SULLIVAN, of 209 West Forty-seventh-street, driver of car No. 28, Broadway line, when interviewed yesterday, fell from his car at the corner of Prince and Greene streets, and fractured his right shoulder-blade. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Horse-Cars on Street-Cars—A Brooklyn Jury's Suggestions.

The Coroner's Jury in the case of JOHN B. GOODRICH, the newsboy who was run over and killed by one of the city railroad-cars at the corner of Gold-street and Fulton-avenue, rendered the following verdict yesterday:

We find that the deceased came to his death by being accidentally run over by one of the Brooklyn City railroad-cars on May 13th inst., and we are of opinion from the evidence that no boys or other persons should be allowed on said cars while they are in motion, except such as are authorized by the Company, and can be recognized by the conductors by a badge; and the jury request the Common Council to pass an ordinance making it liable for other parties to go on said railroad-cars selling such articles, and request the Police to enforce such ordinance if possible.

THE ERIE FIGHT.

Further Developments Concerning the Overissue of Erie Railroad Stock—Important Evidence of Jay Gould, John A. Hilton and Justin D. White.

Yesterday afternoon, KENNETH G. WHITE, Master in Equity, resumed the hearing in the reference in regard to the disposition of 60,054 shares of Erie Railroad stock, the property of HEATH and RAPHAEL, English shareholders, which they allege they were robbed of by JAY GOULD, JAMES FISK, Jr., and the other directors of the Erie Railroad Company. Messrs. SOUTHMAYD and TWEED represented HEATH and RAPHAEL, and Messrs. BEACH and LANE appeared for the Erie Railroad Company.

JAY GOULD's examination was resumed by Mr. SOUTHMAYD:

Q.—How long a time elapsed between the making out of the signature of the convertible bond for one million and the conversion of the same into ten thousand shares of stock of the Company? A.—My recollection is that it was a very short time.

Q.—What is the par value of the stock?

Q.—Who had that bond at the time it was converted into stock? A.—I did.

Q.—How did you become holder of that bond? A.—I purchased it from the Company at the market price.

Q.—Did you buy it at the market price of the stock into which it was converted? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you pay anything for it when the conversion was made? A.—On the 15th of January I advanced $60,000, and the 16th $60,000.

Q.—What, if anything, had you paid on that bond before it was canceled? A.—My impression is there was $100,000 paid on that bond on the 15th of January, the day it was converted into stock, but I don't know to whom it was paid; if anything was paid on that day, I could not name the amount; there might have been a small amount paid on the 16th of December, the date of its issue; I had advanced money to the Company and received this bond in part payment.

Q.—With whom did you bargain in relation to the conversion of this bond? A.—The Executive Committee authorized me to sell it, and there was no other bargain made that I am aware of.

Q.—According to that bargain, how much was payable to the Company? A.—The whole return to the Company on the two bonds was $600,000, and about a third of that was payable on this bond.

Q.—How much money did you pay on that bond after the 15th of January? A.—Besides the two amounts already referred to, I paid on the 18th of January $100,000, and on Feb. 7 $2,962.

Q.—Were there two sums of $60,000 and $60,000 given in the account of WILLARD, MARTIN & BEACH on the 15th of January, discounted? A.—I received these two convertible bonds! A.—I can't say; the Company kept a loose account with me, in which these transactions were not entered at all; I paid to the Company, in cash, the full marketable price of these bonds; any moneys I advanced to the Company I suppose are entered in my individual account, and are also merged in the account of WILLARD, MARTIN & BEACH.

Q.—Were not these bonds made for the purpose of being converted into stock, with the intent at the time they were made of being converted into stock? A.—Yes, Sir; I think so.

Q.—And they were not made with the intention of being kept alive as bonds? A.—No, Sir; the proceeds went into the general credit of the Company, and were used to pay the liabilities on the face of convertible bonds; I received the certificates for the 1,000 shares and receipted them; I delivered them to WILLARD, MARTIN & BEACH as so much stock I owed them; 5,000 shares are issued in their name, and the other 5,650 shares in the name of WILLIAM HEATH & CO.; the latter firm has no interest in the stock issued in their name, nor I; they merely received the shares and canceled them; the same thing was done in regard to the bond for $2,000,000, and the parties in whose name the stock was issued had nothing to do with it except in obliging us in the narrow-gauge scheme referred to on the issue of the five millions of stock in 1869 was never carried out; a large part, perhaps half, of this last 50,000 shares was issued immediately after issue; the facts in connection with the issue of the two bonds were communicated to the Board at the same time; I can't tell the date of the communication of this information without reference to the minutes; both these bonds were paid; the Erie Railroad Reorganization Act requires until a certain time; I acted so in during this investigation; I stated the circumstances in regard to these bonds immediately before the passage of the act of the 15th of April.

JOHN A. HILTON was next examined: I am a partner in accordance with the order of the Master; I accept of the statement of the transfer of these 60,000 shares of new stock, and I now produce it; of the 11,000 shares originally issued to WILLARD, MARTIN & BEACH, 5,400 shares have been transferred; 1,000 shares of the 10,000 in the name of WILLIAM HEATH & CO.; 500 shares of the 2,500 issued to DR. FORBESS, WILLARD & CO.; 400 shares of the 2,500 shares in the name of E. K. WILLARD & CO., and 600 shares of the 2,500 issued in name of T. J. TITUS have been transferred.

JUSTIN D. WHITE re-examined: The sum of $2,000 received from WILLARD, MARTIN & BEACH on the 15th of December, '70, was loaned on call; several securities being notes on the Narragansett and Jefferson Railroad bonds; could not tell when the securities were returned, but the cash-book states on the 14th of January, 1871; Mr. GOULD's statement, that the $2,000 was made on the 16th of December, '70, must therefore be an error; as far as I know, the sum of $60,000 received from WILLARD, MARTIN & BEACH in December, and the $60,000 received during that and the following month, were considered as current loans, and I was unaware they had any connection with convertible bonds; moneys received from Mr. GOULD during this period were not entered as advances on convertible bonds until Jan. 1; no one in my department knew anything regarding them.

At this point of the proceedings the investigation was adjourned to Thursday, the 25th, at 1 o'clock.

BASE-BALL.

Contest of the Star and Amity Clubs.

The match on the Capitoline Grounds, yesterday, proved to be quite an interesting one, as will be seen by the appended score;

STAR.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	AMITY.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.
Rogers, c. f.	2	2	5	4	0	Donnelly, p.	0	0	1	2
Wilson, 1st b.	2	4	4	0	0	Smith, 2d b.	0	0	2	4
Dollard, 2d b.	2	1	1	3	0	Cullen, c.	2	0	6	2
Clyne, 3d b.	2	2	1	1	2	Degnan, s. s.	2	2	1	4
Fish, r. f.	1	1	0	0	0	Dunne, r. f.	2	1	0	0
Breen, p.	1	1	1	2	0	Harper, 1st b.	2	1	9	0
Cummings, l. f.	2	1	1	1	2	Cumming, l. f.	2	1	1	0
Price, c.	3	2	12	1	0	Cline, 3d b.	0	0	0	0
Peterson, s. s.	3	2	0	2	2	Piggen, c. f.	1	0	12	0
Total	24	20	27	12	6	Total	13	11	27	14

RUNS SCORED EACH INNING.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.
Star	3	4	4	5	2	3	0	3	0—24
Amity	3	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	1—12

Umpire—Mr. BOOTH, of the Athletic Club.
Time of Game—Two hours and five minutes.
First Base by Errors—Star, 8; Amity, 4.

Mutual vs. Tony Pastor.

The following is the score of the game played between these Clubs yesterday on the Union Grounds, by which it will be seen that the Mutuals won easily with an experimental nine:

MUTUAL.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	TONY PASTOR.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.
Pearce, s. s.	3	4	0	3	Bannon, c.	1	1	5	0
McMahon, c. f.	3	3	0	0	Lynch, 2d b.	1	0	1	4
Start, 1st b.	3	4	9	2	Brady, p.	0	0	0	0
Hatfield, 3d b.	2	2	1	1	Keegan, c. f.	2	1	2	0
Ferguson, c.	3	4	11	4	Doyle, 1st b.	1	1	7	0
Thorn, r. f.	3	3	0	0	Rodgers, c. f.	0	0	0	0
Begley, l. f.	3	2	1	0	McGown, 3d b.	0	1	1	0
Wright, 2d b.	3	2	2	3	Maynard, 2d b.	0	0	0	0
Patterson, 2d b.	5	7	1	1	Power, r. f.	0	0	0	0
Total	30	30	27	9	Total	5	7	27	10

RUNNING.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.
Mutual	3	3	4	7	3	11	0	0	—30
Tony Pastor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	—5

Umpire—Mr. CLINTON, of the Eckford Club.
Time of Game—One hour and fifty-five minutes.

Wars, the Fratricide—The Execution Postponed.

All the legal quibbles available to astute lawyers in cases of extreme emergency have been resorted to, and with a certain success, by JAMES M. SCOVEL, to save or prolong the life of JOHN WARE, now under sentence of death for the shooting of his father at Camden. The latest phase in his case is the order to Judge WOODRUFF, who tried and sentenced the prisoner, He has ordered that, as a writ of error has been allowed by the Chancellor in this case, returnable to the Court of Errors and Appeals on the third Tuesday in June, the execution of the sentence of the Court be suspended until the said writ of error is determined. This order of the Court was procured that WARE might escape the fate of many similarly situated, where applications for writs of error had been made and allowed, and the writ made returnable on a day subsequent to that appointed for the execution. The order in both cases was often executed literally in England, that is, the culprit was hanged and the writ of error determined afterward. The first order for the execution of the prisoner named the 28th of April, but after the writ had been granted by Chancellor SANDFORD, on application of WARE's counsel, Mr. SCOVEL, Gov. RANDOLPH respited the prisoner until Friday next, the 19th, the constitutional limit allowed him in capital cases. As the time approached the Governor felt constrained to issue his warrant for the execution, which he did, and handed it to the proper authorities in Camden on Saturday last. But there was yet a chance for WARE. His counsel had a last resource. He consulted with the Governor and Attorney-General GILCHRIST, and they came to the conclusion that the Court that originally tried the case could suspend the sentence on application. Accordingly Judge WOODRUFF was applied to, and he issued the order above stated, which effectually delays the execution until after the writ is determined on. His counsel expects the Court of Errors will order a new trial.

KENO AGAIN.

A Visit to an Eighth-Street Hell—A School for Gamblers.

Keno, with which Superintendent KELSO grappled so successfully a short time ago, is not yet dead. It flourishes still in more than twenty resorts, in out-of-the-way places in the City, which are well known to the initiated. Fears of Police raids force the proprietors of these hells to privacy, but dupes are not wanting. The devotees of the game are still principally young men and boys, who in Keno receive their first lessons in the art of gambling, that is to lead them so disgrace and ruin. A TIMES reporter was handed, recently, a card bearing the address of a house in Eighth-street, being informed at the same time in a manner that if he was partial to a good glass of wine and a game of keno, he would be doubly gratified by calling at the house around the corner from Broadway. The invitation was acted upon at once. Ringing the door-bell the reporter was received by a colored waiter, and as he stood for a moment in the dimly-lighted hallway the sound of a keno globe shaking up the ivory balls was all that broke the stillness. Suddenly there sy of "Keno!" answered by a shout of "Correct!" from the superintendent of the game, and the presence of the "animal" was manifest. Entering the large hall where the chest is practiced, the reporter found about fifty young men and boys seated at the tables, around which there was room for twice as many more. Money was changing hands rapidly, and "pots" of $15 and $20 were the order of the evening. These, after being shaved of the percentage due to the house, were handed over to the winners, who appeared to be on friendly terms with the game-keepers. A sideboard, in a small room adjacent, was liberally stocked with liquors, which were dispensed gratis to those who wished to drink. The appointments and furniture of the rooms are elegant, and far surpass that of any halls closed by the Police. An ascent to the upper floors of the house revealed the presence of other games of chance more dangerous than keno, because more fascinating. In these upper rooms rich carpets of velvet yielded to the tread, matching in tent with the expensive wall-paper. Rose-wood furniture of tasteful patterns was disposed around the rooms, pictures adorned the walls, and French-plate mirrors multiplied the lights from the gorgeous chandeliers. In these apartments are played sweat, rouge et noir, roulette, hazard, and all the various games of cards. In the large front room on the second floor stood a green-baize table, behind which sat the dealer, while before it sat a few players, giving evidence that this was the lair of the "Tiger," that proverbially American animal, whose insatiable maw is so often filled with the substance of erring husbands, fathers and sons, whose homes are rendered the abodes of misery and unhappiness by their passion for gaming. In this Eighth-street gambling hell, keno is made the portal to the deeper vortex. Well-dressed individuals thrust the cards of the establishments upon those who seat be introduced in the front street and in the rooms. Once induced to play in the keno room the victim, if he have money or facilities for obtaining it, is plied with drink, and under its influence, coupled with good or ill luck, he is easily persuaded to plunge into the other games, where heavier stakes are required. So that this house, with its different gradations in the scale of gambling, from twenty-five cent keno cards to a thousand dollar stake on the faro table, may be regarded as an unrivaled institution for the thorough schooling and training of gamblers. It is the most extensive keno establishment now in operation. The house has been for years under the cognizance of the Police. Its recent change of tenants could hardly fail to attract their attention, and it would be an insult to their sagacity to suppose that they were not aware of the continued presence there of MIKE MURRAY, and of CRIMON, who are so well known by them. It is hinted that the Police shut their eyes to the existence of this and similar games, finding it to their interest to do so.

Anniversary of the Sunday-School Missionary Union.

The fifty-fifth anniversary of the New-York Sunday-school Missionary Union was celebrated yesterday afternoon in twenty-three of the different churches of this City, more than 100 Sunday-schools taking part in the exercises. A systematic order was followed throughout, the children of all the schools singing at the same or about the same time. In the evening the teachers connected with the Union met at the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, where addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. ISAAC FERRIS, Rev. D. I. ROBINSON, D. D., on "Teachers' Trials and Triumphs;" and by Rev. EDWARD EGGLESTON, D. D., on "Precept and Example." The church was filled to its utmost capacity, and many were unable to obtain an entrance. At the conclusion of the services an election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and the following gentlemen were chosen: President, Rev. ISAAC FERRIS, D.D.; Corresponding Secretary, P. HOWARD VERNON, Esq.; Recording Secretary, CHAS. M. EARLE; Treasurer, GEO. S. SCOFIELD, and a large number of gentlemen as Vice-Presidents and managers.

The Mercantile Library Election—Success of the "Regular" Ticket.

The Mercantile Library election, which has caused such discussion and wrangling among the members of the Association, took place yesterday. The polls were open from 8 A. M. until 9 P. M., and during that time 709 votes were cast. The election caused much excitement, and various means were resorted to, by both parties, to swell the number of votes for their candidates. A large force of policemen were on hand during the whole time of the election, and in the evening the force was doubled, but no disturbance, other than a war of words, occurred.

A large number of votes were rejected by the inspectors, because the answers they received from the challenged were not satisfactory. It is claimed by the Reformers that only the ballots of persons who wished to vote their tickets were rejected, and that the inspectors were very unfair.

At 10½ the vote was announced, which is as follows: Total vote cast, 709; scratches, 12; blanks, 1. Mr. H. GUION, Tr., 453; GEO. C. CLARKE, 453; W. H. LEWIS, 452; JAMES BRUCE, jr., 453.

The Reform Party received the following votes: WM. L. BAILEY, 317; H. D. LLOYD, 312; E. J. WALKER, 314; W. H. CARY, 308.

The regular ticket was duly elected, previous to which, however, Mr. BAILEY of the reformers, read a protest, which was received with cheers and groans.

Destructive Fire in Jersey City—Loss $300,000.

The large oakum factory owned by BENJAMIN MILLS, on Railroad-avenue, Jersey City, together with its contents, was consumed by fire, yesterday morning, about 9 o'clock. The premises were quite extensive, embracing one large four-story frame building, three of brick and three smaller of frame-work, beside spacious platforms for drying purposes. The stores contained a number of bales of oakum, a large quantity of tar-rope in various conditions, and the platforms were strewn with picked rope-yarn spread before the sun to dry. From the combustible nature of these commodities and the dryness of the wooden structures, the flames did their work with swift and relentless fury. The firemen saved only one small frame building, containing some boiled oakum. The loss is put down at $300,000, and the insurance is one-half that amount. The real cause of the fire is unknown. Eighty men are thrown out of employment by this calamity.

The Proposed Widening of Broadway.

The Commissioners for widening Broadway held a second session yesterday afternoon, in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen. The Clerk said that three more claims had been filed with him as follows: CHAS. F. KUHN, No. 1,397 Broadway; R. A. CUDLIFF, Forty-eighth-street and Broadway; WM. FITZPATRICK, Fifty-fifth-street and Broadway. Mr. FITZPATRICK was present, and said that he had nothing to say further than to present his claim. The Commission then adjourned. The majority of those having claims rely upon the statements already laid before the former Commission, while others are of the opinion that the present Commission was illegally appointed, and consequently that its awards will be set aside by the Courts.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Yesterday the remains of the late LOUIS BONARD, who left all his wealth for the purpose of protecting dumb animals from cruelty, were removed from the receiving-vault of Green-Wood Cemetery, and deposited in their last resting-place, a beautiful plot of ground about 300 yards from the northern entrance of the cemetery, purchased by the executors at a cost of $500. It is situated on Battle-avenue near the exit gate. A monument is to be placed over the remains.

During the examination into the Blossom-McGoldrick case yesterday, at the Tombs, a witness testified, under the name of JOHN HUGHES, of No. 254 Avenue B, that McGOLDRICK had bribed him to swear against the girl, JULIA BLOSSOM. When asked what his name was, he swore that it was JOHN HUGHES, and it being subsequently ascertained that he was called JOHN MASON, he was committed by Justice HOGAN on the charge of perjury.

The steamer *Thames River*, built for the Providence Railroad, and superintended by Capt. D. S. BABCOCK, will be launched from the yard of HENRY STEBBINS, Greenpoint, on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The *Thames River* is intended to run between New-London and Groton, connecting the New-Haven and Shore Line Railroad with Stonington and Providence and the Boston and Providence Railroad.

When on patrol, between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning, Officer GARVEY, of the Fifth Precinct, was attracted by smoke issuing from a room on the second floor of No. 211 Duane-street, occupied by Mrs. BURNE. After forcing open the door, he found the bed on fire, and the woman lying on the floor insensible. He extinguished the fire before injury was done to the helpless woman.

In the case of ALFRED A. BELKNAP, who was indicted for conspiracy to impede justice during the whisky troubles of 1868, a *nolle prosequi* was entered yesterday in the United States District Court, the District-Attorney being satisfied that the evidence to be produced could not sustain a conviction, and that BELKNAP, who was now living dangerously ill, would not survive if attempted to be removed to this City.

The Ninth Class Association of old Public School No. 3 held their annual meeting and reunion at Delmonico's parlors last evening, Mr. E. D. L. SUTHERLAND in the chair. Interesting addresses were delivered by Superintendent CALKINS, Commissioner DAVENPORT and others. An elegant collation concluded the evening's entertainment.

This is the national feast-day of the Swedes and Norwegians, and the Scandinavian Society of this City will commemorate it by giving a picnic at East River Park. This is the day upon which the present régime in Sweden and Norway was established by the cession of Norway to Denmark, during the reign of King CHARLES XIII., of Sweden.

JAMES C. MORRISON, aged twenty-one, clerk, was yesterday held for trial by Justice HOGAN on the charge of stabbing FREDERICK HARENBURG, of No. 190 Greenwich-street, in the left arm, with a knife, during a quarrel on Monday night. MORRISON denies all knowledge of the offense, but said that if he did do it, he had good and sufficient justification for the act.

The body of an unknown man was found yesterday in the East River, off Pier No. 59, and removed to the Morgue. He appeared to be about thirty-five years old, was five feet eight inches high, and was dressed in checkered pants, white shirt and woolen socks, but was without coat or boots.

About 8 o'clock last evening, as a boy was lighting the gas in the show-window of the fancy goods store, No. 207 Grand-street, occupied by JONATHAN LICHTENSTEIN, the taper fell from the boy fell from his hand and set fire to the light goods in the window, doing about $500 worth of damage; covered by insurance.

At an election for Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association, held at Clinton Hall, Astor-place, the following gentlemen were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year: Wilson G. Hunt, Thomas H. Paile, Edmund Coffin, Wm. E. Dodge, Isaac H. Bailey, Hugh N. Camp, John K. Myers.

The numerous instances of mysterious shooting, apparently with air-guns, that have been reported from time to time of late, have puzzled the Police sorely. Thus far no clue has been found to the miscreants who thus wantonly assail human life.

The act recently passed by the Legislature with regard to using, storing or manufacturing dangerous combustibles in the City, is to be printed in pamphlet form for general distribution under the direction of Fire-Marshal MCFARLAND.

The body of an unknown man, aged forty, five feet nine inches high, with dark whiskers, dressed in dark clothes, with overcoat, white shirt and blue-striped necktie, was yesterday found in the North River, at the foot of Bank-street, and taken to the Morgue.

JOHN MAYELL, a retired merchant, residing at No. 18 Lafayette-place, was yesterday morning found dead in bed. He was seventy-three years of age, and had accumulated a large estate; but had neither wife nor child to inherit the property.

At 8½ o'clock last evening ROBERT SCOTT, a native of Canada, and a soldier belonging to Governor's Island, while under the influence of liquor, at No. 57 Greenwich-street, shot himself in the calf of the leg, and was taken to the Park Hospital.

In the case of LANGE and OGDEN *vs.* MOSES H. GRINNELL, Collector of the Port, which was reported in yesterday's TIMES, the jury, by direction of the United States District Court, rendered a sealed verdict.

On and after Saturday, May 20, the steamer *Mary Powell* will leave Barclay-street pier daily at 3½ P. M., and returning will leave Rondout at 6½ A. M., arriving at New-York at 10½ A. M.

The demolition of the buildings in Third-street, near Bowery, lately purchased by the New-York Turnverein, began yesterday. The new Turn Hall is to be erected on the site.

BROOKLYN.

At a late hour on Monday night MICHAEL LANEY and his wife, residing at No. 34 Carroll-street, had a quarrel, in the course of which she fell from the second-story window and sustained injuries of a possibly fatal nature. The husband was arrested yesterday morning, but it is appearing that the wife was drunk at the time of the accident, and fell out, he was discharged.

Yesterday, Officer FRANCIS MCQUADE found the body of a new-born female infant in a vacant lot, surrounded by a large number of half-starved dogs. When the officer attempted to take away the body the dogs set up a general howl, but made no hostile demonstration. They had not eaten any part of the body, but would probably have done so but for its timely discovery by the officer.

Yesterday afternoon, RICHARD MCLAUGHLIN, a boss peddler, and JOHN J. GALLAGHER, (better known as Sandy,) his clerk, met in the back bar-room of the grocery and liquor store corner of North Fourth and Fifth streets, Williamsburg, and there had a desperate battle over a question of wages, the clerk demanding an increase. The strike was not successful.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Kings County Inebriate Asylum was held, yesterday morning, in the room of the Mercantile Library, on Montague-street. The Building Committee were authorized to expend $500 on furniture for the present asylum, and were empowered to employ an architect to draft plans for a new asylum.

An inquest was held by Coroner JONES, yesterday, on the body of a seaman named CHARLES MILLER, who was on Tuesday found dead in the hold of the ship *Henry Clay*, lying at the foot of First-street. The examination showed that the deceased had been suffocated while under the influence of liquor.

The body of an unknown man, which was found floating in the river on Monday night, was taken to the Morgue yesterday, and on examination there marks were found about the head and neck which lead the authorities to believe that the deceased was murdered.

Another raid by the officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was made yesterday morning upon the milkmen at Fulton Ferry. The officers forced a number of drivers to hasten their loads.

HENRY BRODERICK, aged seven years, was drowned yesterday afternoon while bathing at the foot of North First-street, Williamsburg. His body was not recovered. His parents reside at No. 30 Grand-street.

The weekly returns by the Health Board for the past seven days show 223 burial permits to have been granted; sixty-two marriages and forty births are reported for the same period.

LONG ISLAND.

A few weeks since an arrangement was entered into by all the business houses of Flushing by which a time for closing their stores each month in the year was fixed upon. An agreement was drawn up and every firm signed it. The arrangement was to take effect May 1. During the month one or two of the firms which affirmed the agreement have failed to close at 8 o'clock in the evening, the time decided on for May, and in consequence the remaining firms are compelled to disregard the arrangement.

It is proposed by the officers of the Flushing and North-side Railroad to put on two additional trains on and after June 1. One of the trains will leave New-York at 2 A. M., in order to accommodate editors and others who cannot leave the City until after that time.

On Monday evening a fire in College Point damaged a dwelling-house belonging to the estate of JOHN HANSEL to the amount of $1,000. The furniture and building were insured in the Globe Insurance Company for $2,500.

The body of an unknown man, about forty years old, was found near Wading River on Sunday. A Coroner's inquest was held, which failed to find cause for death. The body was much decomposed, and had been in the water for some two months.

There is much complaint on Long Island, in the vicinity of those villages where the sparrows abound, that they are making sad havoc with the young grain. Others complain that they destroy the fruit blossoms.

MICHAEL SPAIN, of Flushing, was arrested yesterday on complaint of his wife. It seems MICHAEL abuses and ill-treats her, and does not conduct himself as should a husband. He gave bonds to keep the peace.

At College Point a German Committee has been formed, which is making arrangements for a Peace Festival, to come off on Whit-Monday.

NEW-JERSEY.

An unknown, stylishly-dressed young woman committed suicide by drowning herself in Lakewood Pond, at Lakeview, yesterday. The only clue to her identity is in three tickets found in her pocket-book, and calling for hats left at HUNTLEY's hat factory, in Newark, to be cleaned. The proprietor states that the person leaving the hats gave the name of GARDNER.

Yesterday morning, while a number of men were engaged in excavating near the Cherry-street bridge, at Elizabeth, the embankment fell in, burying two of the workmen named JOHN LALLY and MICHAEL DEVANEY. Their fellow-laborers immediately set to work to rescue them, which they soon accomplished. LALLY had both legs broken, and DEVANEY both ankles sprained. LALLY's condition is pronounced critical.

At a regular meeting of the Jersey City Common Council last evening a communication was read from the Mayor, vetoing the resolution of the Board appointing the 23d for holding a special election for a Board of Education. The Board immediately passed the resolution, notwithstanding the Mayor's objections.

The annual examinations at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, closed yesterday; and were followed by the annual Seminary "Love Feast." Today the new chapel will be dedicated by Bishop SIMPSON. To-morrow the Commencement exercises take place.

A good deal of excitement is felt throughout Hunterdon County, on account of the suicide of DANIEL BIRD, on Saturday last. Excited by some words of blame from his wife, he seized a pen-knife and opened the veins on both sides of his throat.

The coopers in the employ of BERNARD MCMAHON, Grand-street, Jersey City, struck yesterday for higher wages. The price paid for making a barrel, $1 10, is considerably lower than prices in Brooklyn and New-York.

At the Olympic Quoit Club grounds on Orange-street, Newark, on Monday, the Club match was played between